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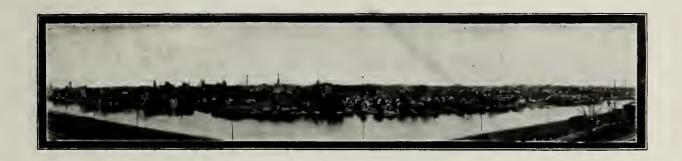


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ELGIN TODAY.

N a pleasant spring morning in the year 1835, the Gifford brothers were floating with the tide on the beautiful river which was down on the crude map of the times as the Fox. They had come from the bleak hills of the Eastern states and were in search of a location on the vast prairies of the west. They had launched their skiff in the headwaters of the stream, and the day previous had passed miles of pretty country and fertile land. At night they had stopped at the hospitable home of Mrs. Margaret Gillilan, who had caused to be erected a substantial and comfortable log house on the west bank of the river, near Algonquin. Widowed but a few weeks after her arrival, and with a family of children dependant upon her, she was tilling a clearing and having the prairie land that rolled back from the river broken with ox teams, and laying the foundation for the future now enjoyed by her descendants. guests she imparted the information that there was a most favorable location for a town site about ten miles down the river, with every advantage for agriculture and water power at the location selected by her

late husband, and with the additional benefits derived from beauty of location and many pure streams of living water. They set out early that pleasant morning and their eyes were feasted on a vision of natural loveliness and beauty such as the touch of the painter and the genius of the writer is unequal to convey to those who have not seen it. The drumming of the partridge, the whistle of the quail, the cry of the wild fowl and the splash of the glittering pickerel as he leaped from the crystal waters and reflected the rays of the morning sun caused them to be enchanted with the site. It is said that they lost no time in landing and after tramping through the underbrush, which lined a creek that emptied into the river near the present location of the immense plant of the Borden condensing factory, they walked carefully over the boggy lands that is now known as the business center of the city, and ascending the bluff near the present location of St. Mary's academy decided to take possession of the property lying north and east of that spot.

The selection was wisely made. The land was faultless from an agricultural

standpoint and the luxuriant grass and underbrush were sufficient evidence of its fertility. The drainage was unsurpassed,



JAMES T. GIFFORD ELGIN'S FIRST SETTLER.

and the scene was a panorama of natural beauty such as tourists rave about. bold bluffs of the river banks were the approaches to a finely timbered strip, back of which were the fertile prairies that have made this proud city among the foremost of Illinois. Here was the ideal spot that had been dreamed of for many years. The pioneers were convinced that should they search the wide world over there could be no advantage gained. The river, which has become murky by contact with civilization, was then an ideal stream. Not the least of its beauties were the wooded islands both above and below the present location of the dam. The one near the mouth of the creek at which they landed was probably the choicest and most attractive.

They were a careful and prudent folk and, despite the impression made, they continued on their journey and stopped at the house of the Welch family at Fayville. Here they conversed with the late Thomas Welch, who was splitting rails from fallen trees at a point somewhat south of Five Islands.

Returning soon after they located their claims and James T. Gifford, the founder of the city, from the trees surrounding the building site chosen, erected a roomy log house where he began his residence with his sisters. This house stood where the Villa street park is located, and the natural stone stands as a sentinel to mark the spot where the first settler of Elgin kept open house to all comers, fed the hungry, sheltered the wayfarer, nursed the sick, counseled and advised those in trouble and in doubt. Here the first school was presided over by Miss Harriet Gifford, sister of James T., who was known as an angel of mercy in the households of the neighbors. The first religious services were held there, and the



GEO. W. KIMBALL

ONE OF THE EARLIEST PIONEERS.

Methodist circuit rider and the Jesuit missionary alike shared the good cheer that was ever present at the fireside of the Giffords. Mr. Gifford possessed much genius as a pioneer and among his other accomplishments was that of civil engi-



ELGIN'S FIRST RESIDENCE

neer. Under his direction a town site was laid out and platted, and as fast as opportunity offered locations for churches,

had been made as yet, those who arrived selected land and proceeded to cultivate the soil. At first it was believed that the clearing of land in order to produce good crops was necessary and the rich loam of the prairies was shunned. The majority of the settlers located near the streams and the water problem seemed to be a serious one. It was thought that it would be impossible to maintain stock by means of wells. The land most desirable was of the quality chosen by James T. Gifford. This was covered by trees or underbrush and the brush land was plowed by means of an immense brush plow with six yoke of oxen attached. The head plowman must of necessity be an adept at the work. The first crops of corn and vegetables were raised on sod and it was astonishing the size attained as well as the flavor acquired.

Many people arrived from the eastern



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cemeteries and schools that had been set aside for that purpose were presented.

There was an influx of settlers the next year, and although no government survey states in 1835 and 1836, among the first being Hezekiah Gifford, who came west in 1834 and, traveling from Chicago, reached the Fox river near Five Islands, and going south as far as the present site of Aurora, turned west and traversed through what is now the southwestern part of the county. It was his description of the country that induced his brother, James T., to dispose of his farm in Oneida county, New York, and in the following spring start for the land that gave greatest promise. Accordingly they left home on March 24 with a team and wagon. When they had arrived in Chi-

reached their destination, they found that all of the land about the present site of Milwaukee had been claimed and they disposed of their horses and started on foot for the Fox river country. Soon it was evident that they were lost, and they halted on reaching Lake Michigan at the present location of Racine, Wisconsin. Here they decided to retrace their steps and start anew, keeping to the westward. They did so and traveled many miles on



CITY HALL

cago, they met a man named Goodwin who induced them to explore the country north of Chicago as far as Milwaukee and they took a lonely trail in that direction. They did not meet a human being on the jaunt and vegetation was so scarce in places that they were compelled to feed bread and biscuits to their horses from their own scanty stores. When they

the new route without seeing a white man. A solitary Indian was espied seated in a canoe, but he refused to converse with them and they were obliged to pass the night without having tasted food for forty hours previous. The following day and night was a repetition of the one described and they slept in the rain without shelter, disturbed by the howling of the

wolves and the cries of other wild animals. The next day they found the home of the Gillilans near Algonquin.

This same year it is stated that a pioneer named Ransome Olds, who seemed to be a follower of the "westward ho" movement, appeared and erected a small cabin on the land afterwards owned by Reuben Jenne, and some claim that this building was completed previous to the one built by James T. Gifford. Be that as it may, it is evident from the statements of those who remain of the first settlers, that he

from the parental roof tree and, facing the setting sun, did not let his footsteps lag until he reached the Prairie state. Here he wandered much. He was accompanied by the son of a neighbor and a boyhood friend, E. K. Mann. They first stopped at White Pigeon Prairie, where they suffered a severe attack of ague and were obliged to return to the east in order to recover their health. They came back to Illinois in 1835 and during that year located west of the present city, where they remained many years.



RESIDENCE OF HON. GEO. P. LORD

was not a permanent resident and that he sold his claim within a few years, and moved into the boundless west beyond the confines of civilization. He was a man who did not mingle with his neighbors and concerning whom but little seems to have been known.

In 1833 Isaac Stone, a sturdy son of the hills and granite fields of New Hampshire, decided that the confines of that state and the opportunities there presented were far too limited for his welfare, and to better his condition he started

Hezekiah Gifford located land in the present limits of the city and his house was erected near the present home of Hon. George S. Bowen, on St. Charles street. There a few years later a Baptist church was organized, which was the first of that denomination in this newly settled country.

During the same year Joseph Kimball, then a young man, came to Elgin, at their solicitation, and decided that it was a favorable location for a mill site. He left for the east but died on the way. In the meantime he had written home and in response Jonathan, Russell, Samuel J. and George W. Kimball had come west and they located on the west bank of the river within the present corporation. They all chose this land the same year, excepting George W. Kimball, who located several miles south, but soon removed to Elgin.

About this time, Abel Gifford, who is still living in Elgin, and Mrs. Hezekiah Gifford arrived and the latter was for some time the only white woman in Elgin.

hollowed out a stump and arranged a device whereby the wheat and corn raised could be ground and made more palatable than the flour produced at Joliet. This mill, patterned somewhat after those constructed by the untutored savages, was kept busy for the time being.

In June, 1835, the family of James T. Gifford arrived and soon after came P. J. Kimball, Sr., and family, who located to the north of the Giffords, owning the land where the Fox river depot is. His farm house was at the present location of the



POST OFFICE

She was greatly annoyed at times by the Indians who sought to secure by begging and theft such articles as they coveted and on more than one occasion she was obliged to assume a belligerent attitude and drive them away. The necessities of life were scarce and there was great difficulty in securing them. It was a long journey, through trails in the woods and sloughs, to Joliet, where the nearest flouring mill was located. It was a crude affair and the flour was of the coarsest quality. Accordingly James T. Gifford

home of Daniel Hartwell at Douglas avenue and Kimball street. Here he laid out an extensive farm and planted fifty acres of fruit, a large number of the apple trees being still in existence and bearing. Each of the settlers within the city had also given much attention to fruit, and it was but a few years when there was a surplus of apples, peaches, cherries and plums. The early settlers were religious by nature and the teachings received in the New England homes bore fruit, as services were held each Sabbath at the home

of James T. Gifford. Here Miss Harriet Gifford read from the bible and a general discussion followed. Soon after, Deacon Philo Hatch settled in the neighborhood and was wont to conduct the services. When he was unable to do so Russell Kimball sometimes took charge.

That year there was much talk of a stage road from Chicago to Galena, and James T. Gifford, who dreamed of making a city out of the rude settlement, concluded to have the road pass near his

was established and two stages ran through when the line was put in operation, carrying the managers of the enterprise. This line opened a market for hay and grain and was the means of establishing several hotels or taverns, as they were then called. Among them was Tibbals' tavern, which was built at Chicago and Villa streets, and was presided over by Mr. Tibbals, a typical landlord of the day. A man named Garland also erected a tavern in the neighborhood and George



RESIDENCE OF JOHN NEWMAN

home. He accordingly decided to give the hamlet a name, and after consultation with his family and brothers the name "Elgin" was selected. It is said to have been chosen from a Scotch song bearing that title and the name will ever remain. In order to secure the coveted stage line, a road was laid out from Elgin to Belvidere and Mr. Gifford, at his own expense, visited Washington, where he labored with the law makers and finally diverted the line that was originally intended to pass through St. Charles. In 1837 the route

Hyatt, recently deceased, established a similar one on the west side of the river where the Brethren Publishing House is now located.

About this time Joseph House came from the east and built a shop near Tibbals' tavern, where he did a black-smith and wagon repairing business.

July 4, 1836, the settlers celebrated Independence Day by drawing a heavy log by means of oxen from Elgin in the direction of Meacham's Grove, where they were met by a delegation of citizens residing near Meacham, who had made a similar trail in like manner. Here a dinner, consisting of corn pone, bacon and coffee, was served.

July 1, 1836, an election was held at the home of Thomas H. Thompson, in the present village of West Dundee, on which occasion Samuel J. Kimball was chosen constable and Jonathan Kimball justice of the peace, and the first office holders of Elgin thereupon assumed their duties.

Early in the spring of 1837, Rev. N. C. Clark, then a resident of Naperville, came

There were rattlesnakes, mosquitoes and ague hereabouts in those days, but the early settlers feared them not. There was a worse foe than lurking disease or slimy serpents and this was the renegade band of Pottawatomie Indians that hovered near Elgin and tantalized the first settlers by their repeated thefts and audacious begging that amounted to demands. They were a lazy, dishonest and dissolute lot, and lingered in this section under the pretext that the bones of their ancestors were buried here, in the sand hills on the



RESIDENCE OF DR. D. E. BURLINGAME

to Elgin and organized a church. The first services were held at the home of James T. Gifford, and soon thereafter arrangements were made to conduct them in the center of the town, Chicago and Villa streets. Here "Dominie" Clark, as he was familiarly called, ministered to the welfare of his little flock, and held the esteem and love of all classes for many years, remaining a faithful servant until he passed away to his final reward.

farms west of the present location of the Illinois Northern Hospital for the Insane. The women were in constant dread and the settler was never without a loaded gun within reach of some member of the household. There was a movement on foot to get rid of them, peaceably if possible, but by force if necessary, and the vagabonds, realizing that it was high time to depart in order to avoid trouble, packed up their stolen possessions and seizing a

few shoats and some of the young stock of the neighborhood, made their way to Kansas, where the remainder of the tribe had been located for some time. It was without regret that the settlers saw them depart. The major portion of them left by means of canoes in 1836, but the last of the band lingered until the following

ilization and proceeded with rapid strides, unhampered by the Indian and his ally, the Indian civilizer.

The first general election in which the citizens of Elgin took part was held in the fall of 1837, and the ballot box was located at the house of a man named Henderson. There were seventy-three votes



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

spring, when they traveled westward, the bucks riding on trevois and the female portion of the population trudging sullenly on foot, bearing the young and the baggage on their backs. Thus the so-called "noble red man" left this region much to the relief of his white brother, who took up the burden of civ-

cast, a majority being for Stephen A. Douglas, candidate for congress, and General Carlin, for governor. Both were on the Democratic ticket.

This same year William C. Kimball arrived from the east and he proved an important factor in the immediate and permanent growth of the town. In conjunc-

tion with James T. Gifford and Samuel J. Kimball, it was arranged to have a mill dam and raceways erected. This work



RESIDENCE JUDGE J. W. RANSTEAD

was begun at once and promptly completed under the supervision of Folsom Bean, an experienced workman. On the west raceway a flouring mill was erected and on the east bank Mr. Gifford built and operated a saw mill. These buildings stood for many years and were the victims of incendiaries a score of years ago or less. The younger generation little knew their importance and worth to the early settlers and the value they were in the building up of the community.

Dr. Joseph Tefft, who had settled in the county in 1835, moved to the then promising little townsite in 1838. Here he had erected the first frame dwelling within the present limits of the corporation, which was on the present site of the city hall. Dr. Elmore located at Chicago and Villa streets, where G. P. Lord resides, but left within a few years. Dr. Tefft at once commenced a large practice that he continued for many years, until old age compelled him to relinquish it. In the meantime he had amassed a fortune and

played a prominent part in the affairs of the city.

Bernard Healy, who was held in high esteem by all for his kindly ways and his knowledge, arrived during the same year and opened a harness store. He was the first harness maker in the hamlet and soon became proprietor of an extensive store, employing a number of skilled workmen. Burgess Truesdell, a nurseryman; William Shaw, hotelkeeper; and John and Vincent Lovell, farmers, and their families were among those who located in Elgin at about that time.

These men saw the great need of a bridge, as the ford was dangerous at times, and a public meeting was held at which it was decided to put in a foot path across the stream. Accordingly this was done, the structure consisting of large timbers and logs. The stage coaches and wagons continued to ford the stream until 1850, when the primitive bridge, having been carried away by a freshet, a larger one was erected that stood the waves and



RESIDENCE OF JUDGE R. N. BOTSFORD

ice that pounded at the foundation until 1866, when an iron bridge that was the pride of the people replaced it. This struc-

ture fell under the weight of a drove of cattle, and being replaced, a section fell July 4, 1869, and in the accident several were killed or fatally injured. Being replaced in a few weeks and greatly strengthened it remained until the spring of 1882, when the ice carried it away on the day that city election was being held. A ferry was established and this was followed by a disaster in which seven were drowned. A pile bridge was put in that remained until the present handsome

About this time James T. Gifford mapped out the original plat of Elgin, extending from the river to Chapel street and from Division to Prairie street. He allotted parcels for schools and churches, and in August, 1842, this plat was recorded and became in fact a townsite. Soon after William C. Kimball had a plat of West Elgin recorded and there was considerable rivalry as to the business importance of the two sites.

In the meantime B. W. Raymond and



SHERWIN BUILDING

bridge, considered the finest in the state, was erected. The National and Kimball street bridges were not erected until the city had become quite large.

The first merchants of Elgin were Samuel Storm and Folsom Bean, who conducted a small general merchandise establishment on Chicago street, commencing to do business in 1836. They were soon followed by others and in 1837 George W. Renwick commenced the manufacture of carts and wagons,

S. N. Dexter had purchased half of James T. Gifford's original claim. They became prominent merchants and were interested in the establishing of the principal industries that followed.

In 1838 Rev. Ambrose established a Baptist church at DuPage and Geneva streets, on the lot that is now occupied by the Franklin school, and a small building was erected largely through the liberality of James T. Gifford. Here the first bell was installed and the building was used

in part for school as well as church purposes. The first fire alarm was sounded from this belfry and public meetings were announced by the ringing of the bell.



FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The legal luminary follows in the wake of civilization, and wherever there is business enterprise will be found the attorney. The first to settle in Elgin was Edward E. Harvey, who had studied law in Batavia and had moved up the river when he had become an attorney. Here he remained until 1847, and as he was a fluent talker and versatile he was successful. When the Mexican war came on he raised a company of soldiers and led them to Mexico, where he succumbed to disease.

In 1841 Isaac G. Wilson located in Elgin and being a graduate attorney of an eastern college he at once took rank among the leading lawyers of the west. Soon after Sylvanus Wilcox, Edmund Gifford and Paul R. Wright entered the profession and located here.

There was a postoffice established in 1837 and on July 17 of that year James T. Gifford was appointed postmaster, serving in that capacity until 1842, when Isaac G. Wilson was appointed and took the mail into his law office at Chicago and Spring streets. It was originally intended that the business district should be east of Villa street, but the store of Augustus Adams and B. W. Raymond having been established at Chicago and Spring streets, and the postoffice having been moved to that locality, there seemed to be a general movement towards the river and considerable rivalry as to location sprung up among the citizens of the east side. This



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

was becoming spirited when the failure of the State Bank at Chicago created consternation and there was paralysis of all enterprise and business for the time being. The notes of the Marine Fire Insurance company were substituted however and were soon accepted as legal tender, partial confidence being restored in that way.

Each stage coach that arrived was loaded with passengers and all were anxious to cast their fortunes with the west. The natural beauty of Elgin attracted many and the enterprise of the citizens proved beneficial in persuading many to remain. The east side of the river seemed to be the business center, but on the west side there were several places of business. William C. Kimball had an extensive general store and operated a mill. He was considered a man of sterling integrity and did a thriving business. It is probable that the most attractive residence section of the town was then on the bluffs on the west side of the river. The country on all sides had become populated and Chicago proved a market that was in those days considered good. Wheat, corn and



ENTRANCE LORD'S PARK

oats met ready sale, but at prices that would now be considered ruinous. There was a necessity for a railroad, that was talked of, as bad wagon roads prevailed and there was no market nearer than Chicago.



PAVILION LORD'S PARK

Among the early enterprises of the town was the establishing of extensive silk worm culture by Burgess Truesdell



LORD'S PARK

and others and this was conducted several years, but was finally abandoned as unprofitable.

their personal possessions, departed for new and more healthy fields. At times the inhabitants became panic stricken and it was with difficulty that sufficient aid could be obtained to bury the dead and nurse the sick. Among those who moved for the time being were James T. Gifford and family, who sought a home in Wisconsin for the benefit of the children, but sickness overtook them and two of his family died. In 1846 the epidemic having subsided the village resumed activity and there was considerable impetus added to the boom that was on in 1850 by advent of the Chicago & Galena railroad. Elgin was made the terminus of the road and remained such for several years. depot was on Spring street, near Chicago,



RESIDENCE OF C. A. WETZEL

The next few years were severe ones for the little village as epidemics of bilious and intermittent fevers prevailed and there was at times scarcely a healthy person in the hamlet. Many abandoned their homes temporarily while others sold their real estate at a sacrifice and, taking

and opposite the building now occupied and owned by the Daily News. William Shaw caused a handsome hotel to be erected and it was opened to the public with the entrance of the railroad. There was a grand celebration in the village the day the first train arrived and the notables

of the west were in attendance to add dignity to the occasion. Fink & Walker's stage line, that had been in operation from Chicago to Galena, paled into insignificance and the terminus of the line was established in Elgin. Each train brought many sightseers and speculators and the hotels were crowded with those who had left the east in the hopes of quickly amassing wealth. Some there were who predicted that the railroad would prove the

tion and the town was greatly benefited. The original intention of those who built the road was to tap the lumber districts of Wisconsin and as soon as the necessary funds could be obtained the road bed was extended north and soon reached Geneva, Wisconsin, a progressive village situated on the bank of one of the prettiest bodies of water in the west. The promoters were caught in the financial storm that swept the country at that time and the en-



SHERMAN HOSPITAL

ruin of the town, among them being the veteran tavern keeper, Tibbals, who disposed of his business at a sacrifice, declaring that there would be no sale for hay and grain and that the horse market would be ruined. It was soon found, however, that the railroad was the means of opening the Chicago and eastern markets, for the produce of the farmers and the hauling of grain to Chicago by wagon was soon abandoned and the dealers at home purchased the supplies for the sec-

terprise was stranded. It was a severe blow to Elgin and the removal of the terminus caused a business depression for a short time but it did not seriously affect the growth. Soon after a branch of the road was built from Fox River switch, below Elgin, to Galena and there were railroad connections both north and west. In the meantime P. J. Kimball had donated a depot site on the east side and erected the Kimball House (now the Burns Hotel) while William C. Kimball had erected

one of the best hostelries in the state on the west side of the river and christened it "The Waverly House." This remained the leading hotel for years and was social and political headquarters. There were many Chicago families who spent the heated term here each year and the island in the river below the dam, lately dismantled by a greedy railroad company, was used as a park.

In 1850 there was an epidemic of cholera throughout the west and Elgin was

ginner and he came forward, offering to treat all who were ill. Those who were in Elgin at that time state that he met with remarkable success. By his efforts, ably assisted by several of the prominent people of the village, many who were stricken were saved, and he was called upon to take charge of a large cholera hospital at Castle Garden, New York, where he established successful quarantine regulations against the importation of the disease.



RESIDENCE OF FRED W. JENCKS

somewhat affected. There were several deaths but it was supposed to be the result of the malaria. The year 1855 witnessed another serious outbreak of the disease in Chicago and as nearly all of the travelers coming to Elgin passed through that city it was natural that the dread disease should reach the former village. There were many deaths from the second epidemic and a number of the physicians then in practice became alarmed and hastily left the country. Dr. Hubbard, recently deceased, was then a struggling be-

Several small manufactories were established in the 50's but no successful enterprises on a large scale were undertaken beyond the building of the distillery at the west end of the dam by B. Frank Lawrence and Matthew Maloney, the latter a resident of Belvidere, and the erection of a woolen factory and large flouring mills. The distillery proved beneficial to the farmers as they found a market for their grain at a somewhat higher price than heretofore. It was continued until after the war, passing through several hands as

owners and finally being destroyed by fire with the exception of the walls of one building. They are still standing and the remodelled building is in use as an electric light station by the city.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

The woolen mills were started in 1844 by S. N. Dexter, B. W. Raymond and others in a small way and continued for several years without much success. They passed into control of the banks and were for many years under management of the late J. P. Goodale. After attempts by others to conduct the mills successfully, they were abandoned and the building donated to the David C. Cook Publishing company, when it was established in the city. The remodelled and enlarged buildings are now used by the Star Watch Case company.

The flouring mills have remained practically as established, excepting that the dairy business in which the farmers have engaged has caused the grinding of feed for cattle to become the principal output, instead of flour.

George W. Renwick had a wagon factory and Samuel E. Gregory did a good business in corn shellers and fanning mills for cleaning grain. These employed but a few hands, however, and they had practically no machinery. Elgin was not a manufacturing town essentially

speaking until after the war, and despite the fact that the citizens contributed liberally and earnestly endeavored to keep afloat such enterprises as they had induced to locate here, the majority being failures, a large amount of money was sunk in that way.

In the late 50's Phineas Smith, who resided east of town, contracted with a Chicago dealer to take several cans of milk daily, amounting to the output of his dairy. Arrangements were made with the Chicago & Northwestern Railway company, successors to the Chicago and Galena lines, to haul his milk daily. It was arranged to have it shipped on the morning passenger train. This was an innovation and was the first milk to be hauled to Chicago by train. The plan was successful and the dealer labelled his wagon "Elgin Dairies." His plan was copied by others and nine-tenths of the milk wagons of the "Garden City" were thus



RESIDENCE OF PHILIP SCHICKLER

marked and Elgin became known as a milk center. There being a demand for Elgin milk farmers purchased cows and soon the supply was equal to the demand. There was a train load of milk shipped from this vicinity daily.

This was continued several years until some of the farmers commenced the manufacture of butter and cheese at their homes. This product soon replaced that manufactured in the east and in 1865 Charles W. and L. J. Gould established "The Home Factory" east of Elgin for the manufacture of these articles. The foundation for the great dairy industry was commenced there and within a short

Dr. Joseph Tefft, one of the pioneer physicians and the first mayor of the city when it was organized, is credited with being the originator of the plan. In 1872 the Elgin Board of Trade was organized and Dr. Tefft was chosen president, which position he held several years. There were but twelve factories represented and they were immediately boycotted by the Chicago buyers, who desired to control the situation. It was necessary at first to ignore the commission men and when this had been successfully done for



RESIDENCE OF W. L. BLACK

time the entire product of the farms hereabouts was converted into milk. was sold to the factorymen or taken there to be manufactured on percentage. gin ceased to be a grain center and the farmer soon became only a purchaser in the markets. He had nothing to peddle and his income was assured as he received his dividend for his milk with great regularity each month. The Chicago commission man soon discoverd a way to get the product of the factory, and at less than the market value, and it was necessary to form an organization in order to thwart this plan.

a time, the buyer capitulated and came to the board as a bidder for the produce. Several times during the life of the organization the same thing has been attempted, but it has never since come as near being successful as on the first occasion. The business of the board amounted to \$81,000 during the first year and it has steadily increased since until now butter of this make is known the world over and the Elgin Board of Trade controls the price of butter throughout the world, and the sales amount to more than eight and a half millions annually.

Among the early enterprises established in Elgin, which are now extinct, were the tanneries of John Spillard and Daniel Gahan. They did a large business for many years, but the scarcity of material



RESIDENCE OF T. C. LOUCKS

and the competition of larger firms located in Chicago, where hides and pelts from the packing houses are secured, caused their decline until they have long since ceased to exist. They gave employment to quite a number of men and added materially to the business of the village in their time.

Following the establishment of the dairy business in Elgin was the starting of a condensing factory. This was established in 1866, and associated in the business were D. M. Cole, James Christie and others of the business men of the city. Two years later Gail Borden and associates from the east purchased the business and established "The Illinois Condensing Co." that has since grown and expanded to be one of the gigantic enterprises of the world. Mr. Borden died in 1872, having amassed a fortune. his death a second factory was started by Elgin people, but it was absorbed by the Borden company.

The establishment of the watch factory in 1864, in which residents of Elgin invested \$100,000, and of the Elgin Packing Company in 1870, were the cause of the expansion of the city and the advertising received by the city from these gigantic institutions caused Elgin to be prominently before the business men of the world. When these factories had been established on a firm basis it was an easy matter to induce other solid concerns to locate here.

Elgin has been since its inception a reading community and there has been a stimulus for good newspapers here since an early day. Those who have been at the head of these enterprises have met the demands of their readers quite frequently at a heavy loss to themselves. There is probably no other business wherein the young man receives as complete a training for general business and where he is fitted for contact with all classes. No city of equal size has graduated more able men from this profession. Many of them occupy leading positions in the publishing world and others have turned their attention to other walks of life, where the energy, courage and perseverance that was



RESIDENCE OF W. J. GILBERT

essential to them during their newspaper work days has proven of incalculable benefit.

The first newspaper published in Elgin was a Baptist and anti-slavery organ.

The enterprise was launched in 1845 and Rev. A. J. Joslyn, who was for many years pastor of the First Baptist church, was the promoter and editor-in-chief, assisted by Wareham Walker and Spencer Carr. Two years later it was removed to the east where it became of considerable importance and was a means of arousing an abolition sentiment among the people of that denomination.

In 1847 the Elgin Gazette, absorbed later by the Advocate, came into existence and was published many years. The editors during an early day were Deacon Owen and Colonel Edward S. Joslyn. The former was a school teacher and the latter a well known young attorney who was active in politics.

In 1851 there was a whig paper established, which was known as the Fox River Courier. It survived during one political campaign and was discontinued.

A Mr. Hough was the next to venture into the field as a competitor of The Gazette. His paper was known as The Palladium and it was first published in 1853. It was continued for three years when it was purchased by Lyman & Smith and was thereafter known as The Kane County Journal. After a few years it was removed to St. Charles, where it was published under another name.

In 1865 The Democrat was launched and was succeeded by The Watchman, of which Edward Keogh became editor. E. C. Kincaid purchased the plant later and ably edited the paper several years.

In 1871 the late L. S. Taylor removed to this city and began the publication of The Advocate that proved very successful as a newspaper. At the same time he established a printing business that proved prosperous. In 1874 The Gazette was absorbed and the publication was continued under the management of Mr. Taylor until his death and by his estate until purchased by Hon. A. H. Lowrie in 1882. In 1882 The Daily Advocate was started

and continued until the consolidation of The Daily News and The Advocate.

In 1875 H. N. Wheeler removed the Leader to this city from St. Charles and after a few years sold it to his brother, J. N. Wheeler, who in turn disposed of it to W. S. Doherty and H. D. Hemmens, who established The Daily and Weekly Courier in 1884 that has since had a prosperous era. It is now managed by A. L. Hall.

In 1874 George Early, of McHenry county, removed a newspaper plant here and conducted The Citizen. It was sold a few years later to C. Stoddard Smith, who published it as The Free Press for a short time.



RESIDENCE OF H. THOMAS

Edward Keogh started The Times in 1874 and conducted it as a weekly and daily for a dozen or more years.

In 1874 the late Dudley Randall, a pioneer newspaper man of this section, removed from Aurora to Elgin. His acquaintance with the type founders and press dealers was such that he could secure a small outfit on credit and he was enabled by this means to establish a newspaper on any occasion that he desired. With his usual enterprise he decided at once that the time had arrived for Elgin to boast of a daily paper. He lost no time in getting such an enterprise under way

and the result was The Daily Bluff City. It was published nearly a year with an exceedingly slim patronage and the following winter proved a severe one. In January Mr. Randall was unable to get the sheet out daily and publication was suspended for a short time. A company was organized and a creditable daily was issued several years.

In 1875 Mr. Randall severed his connection with the paper and started The Daily Dud. This lasted but a few weeks and the

The News passed into the possession of F. H. Taylor and C. T. Van Gorder and later became the property of John K. LeBaron and was published by him until the consolidation with The Advocate took place in 1883.

The Herold and Germania are enterprising sheets published in the German language by A. F. Schader, and the Deutsche Zeitung is ably conducted by Frank Kramer, an old and highly respected citizen.



RESIDENCE OF A. D. GIFFORD

following year in company with Carlos H. Smith he published The Elgin Daily News which has had a prosperous career from the first week. Mr. Randall, as was his wont, did not remain long in the capacity of editor of the paper and soon left this section.

The Elgin Evening Press and the Weekly Press were established in 1895, and are owned by the Press Publishing Company of which B. J. Terry is president and manager.

The Every Saturday, The Lady Elgin, The Gospel Trumpet are among the publications that have for a time flourished and filled useful places in the publishing world, but have long since ceased to exist.

Miss Harriet Gifford continued to be the only school teacher in the hamlet of Elgin until in 1841 the late Adin Mann and Rev. Bolles added to their incomes by wielding the rod and endeavoring to train the young ideas. The winter following, the late Mrs. Nathan G. Phillips (then Miss Mary Ballard) instructed a number of pupils. In 1844 it was decided to have a permanent school and there being no provision by law for public schools at that time, the affair was necessarily of



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a private nature. By means of a subscription property south of the M. E. church was secured and a small building erected thereon. Miss Harvey, who afterwards became the wife of Paul K. Wright, was the teacher. There was a decided sentiment in favor of better school accommodations and through the efforts of several prominent citizens it was decided to erect a "handsome building." This was done and in 1848 the finest school building in the state was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. There were three teachers

employed in this school. In 1854 the law providing for general taxation for school purposes went into force and the days of the private school were at an end. Each man was required to pay his proportion for the maintenance of the system. 1855 the first of these schools was opened and the following year a brick building was erected. They have steadily increased in importance since and have kept pace with the growth of the city and the state. In 1857 a high school building was dedicated at DuPage and Chapel streets and between that time and 1866 ten teachers were employed, there being nearly five hundred pupils. In 1869 the schools were regraded and it was found that there were 900 pupils enrolled. The demands of the public have been such that the board of education has been constantly called upon to provide school room for the young. There are now fourteen buildings, representing a property valuation of about There are 4,400 pupils en-\$400,000. rolled. The cost of maintaining these schools is about \$107,000 annually. There are about 112 teachers employed. The buildings are of the latest style, and the teachers the most competent that can be obtained. The schools of the city are excelled by those of no other city and many families have made Elgin their home during the past few years on account of the superior advantages offered the young by the free school system.

Among the private institutions of learning was the Elgin seminary, that was established in 1851 by the Misses Lord. It was opened in the basement of the Congregational church. The intention was to establish a boarding school for young ladies, but several young men were taken as pupils. The following year the owners moved into a building of their own located where the Congregational church now is. The house next east was used as a boarding house. It was found impossible to maintain the school on a profitable basis and it was discontinued in 1856,

In 1839 several of the prominent citizens decided to secure a charter for an academy with a view of founding an institution that would ultimately become a college. They secured a charter from the state during the session of the legislature of that year. The incorporators were Vincent C. Lovell, Burgess Truesdell, Reuben Jenne, Solomon Hamilton, Colton Knox, George McClure and Luther Herrick. In 1843 an effort was made to establish a school, but it proved unsuccessful. After a reorganization of the company the Elgin Academy was opened in 1856. The institution was one of the leading ones of this section, but financially it was never a success. The scope of learning that could be acquired there was increased from time to time until a full preparatory college course was included. Mrs. Lucy Lovell, widow of Vincent C. Lovell, donated a manuel training department and a business course was taught during late years. During the past year the academy has passed under the control of the Northwestern University, of Evanston. Many of the prominent men and women of this section attended this school, laying thereby foundations for active and useful careers.

In the early 50's it was decided by the young men of the village that there was need of a "Lyceum" and one was formed. The main object was the establishing of a public library and the interesting of young men in useful courses of reading. With these objects in view a series of lectures was arranged and successfully given at the Congregational Among the more prominent lecturers who came to Elgin were Horace Greeley, the editor of the New York Tribune, whose name was then a household word throughout the United States, and John G. Saxe, the humorist, wit and poet. It is recorded that while the late Mr. Greeley was proceeding to the pulpit to begin his lecture it was noticed that the toe of a stocking protruded from a side pocket of his coat,

and it was afterwards learned that he did not carry any other baggage on his travels than a pair of clean socks, as it is asserted that he was very absent-minded and wont to leave his valise in hotels, stage coaches and railway cars. His lecture was one of his ablest efforts, it is claimed, and that of Mr. Saxe consisted of recitations from his best efforts in poetical wit. Nearly all of his efforts recited on that occasion were new and were not published until later.

In that manner and by means of private donations a small library was established and the foundation for an excellent one placed. Afterwards these books were given to the Y. M. C. A. which had at



RESIDENCE OF DR. J. F. BELL

the time a fairly good library. A private library was purchased by a firm of book dealers and a good business done for some time.

In March, 1872, a law was passed in Illinois enabling towns, villages and cities to establish free libraries and the following month the town of Elgin voted to adopt the law. At the town meeting a board of directors was elected. The tax that year amounted to about \$3,000, and soon the Y. M. C. A. library and a private circulating library were secured. Judge E. C. Lovell, who was touring Europe, was engaged to purchase valuable volumes

and succeeded beyond expectation. The library was opened to the public on the third floor of the Home Bank block, and later was removed to a building near the river on Chicago street.

In 1882, L. H. Yarwood, who had been the librarian since the founding of the library, resigned and was succeeded by Miss Cecil Harvey, who held the position until her death, a few months ago, when Miss Kate Abbott, who for years had been an able assistant, took charge.

In 1894, A. B. and S. W.Church having donated a building site and a building, the library was removed to its present excellent location. At that time the city



RESIDENCE OF CURTIS A. SMITH

expended \$9,000 on the building and the name of the library was changed to the Gail Borden library, that being the only requirement exacted by Messrs. Church when they presented the site. The library has been added to from time to time and there are now 26,500 volumes of select reading on the shelves and there is probably no city of equal size in the state where there is a more liberal patronage. The building is not elaborate, but it is well designed and adapted for library purposes.

Elgin was established by God-fearing people and among the first acts of the

original settlers was their assembling for worship at the home of James T. Gifford, Here the foundations for the churches that are so numerous today were laid, and as soon as there were sufficient in numbers churches were organized and houses of worship built.

On May 12, 1836, a number of Congregationalists and Presbyterians assembled at the home of James T. Gifford. There were a dozen present, among them Rev. N. C. Clark, of whom previous mention has been made. All of these presented letters from other churches and subscribed to the articles of faith. Meetings were held at the houses of members at first and finally a room was secured where regular services were conducted. Then a chapel was fitted up at DuPage and Geneva streets that was occupied jointly with the Baptists until about 1843, when land at Villa and Fulton streets was secured and an edifice erected. This was used for many years until the present site at Chicago and Center streets was purchased and the roomy and elegant building now in use was erected.

There were several Baptists among the early settlers, among them Mr. and Mrs. Hezekiah Gifford. On the 12th of September, 1836, at a meeting held at their home, it was proposed to organize a Baptist church. In the September following several Elginites joined with people residing in St. Charles in forming the Little Woods Baptist church. They did not organize in Elgin until July 14, 1838, according to the records, when at the home of Hezekiah Gifford, the present location of the residence of George S. Bowen, the Baptist church of Christ of Elgin was founded. Rev. Joshua Ambrose was the first pastor, and it was arranged that he occupy the pulpit of the chapel alternately with Rev. N. C. Clark, the Congregational pastor. During that year an evangelist named Ashley held a series of revival meetings and the attendance and membership of the churches of this section was

greatly augmented thereby. After the sale of the interest of the Congregationalists in the chapel a cobble stone building was erected about 1849. This was in use until 1870, when the edifice now in use was erected.

The Methodist circuit riders were not idle in this section during the early days and an exhorter is said to have delivered a sermon and formed a class as early as 1835. This meeting was held in a grove. Among those best known who traveled about the wilderness and penetrated every clearing was Rev. Washington Wilcox. There was a settlement of Methodists near the present location of Hampshire and it was there that meetings were generally held. In 1839 a camp meeting was successfully conducted in Elgin and the result was the formation of a church that held services several months at the chapel of the Congregationalists and Baptists. In 1840 James T. Gifford donated a site and a small building was erected at the present location of the church. In 1866 it was replaced by the present structure.

The Presbyterians organized in 1855 and Rev. J. B. McCorkle was chosen pas-In 1856 a house of worship was built on Center street, near Dexter ave-In 1872 the church building was sold to the Swedish Evangelical Association and a brick building put up at Chicago and Center streets. It was handsomely furnished and equipped, but a few months later the building and contents were destroyed by fire. It was replaced by a chapel that continued in use until sold to the German Catholics. Afterwards "The House of Hope," on Standish street, was organized by Rev. Garnett A. Pollock, who has been the pastor since and has been very successful in his work.

There was a large number of Germans in Elgin and vicinity, who came as soon as the railroad was built, and many of these being of the Evangelical faith, it was decided to organize an association. Accordingly in 1855 Elder Longschute, a mis-

sionary, was secured and he held services at the home of Henry Runge. Meetings were continued at the homes of members and camp meetings were held each summer until in 1859 it was deemed expedient to have a permanent place of worship. A small building now used by the Free Methodists and situated opposite the Swedish Lutheran church, was secured and used until about 1870, when the church on the present site was purchased. This was replaced about ten years ago by a brick edifice that is one of the finest church buildings in the city and maintains several missions.



FIRST CHURCH OF THE EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION

There were but few Episcopalians in the city during the early days and they occasionally secured the services of a rector from Chicago. On Ash Wednesday, 1859, Rev. J. H. Waterbury, of Boston, organized a parish. The parish organization was kept up but it was with difficulty that a rector was supported for many years. There were long intervals when services were conducted by lay readers and it was not until about 1876 that the present handsome Church of the Redeemer was erected. Since that time the parish has flourished.

In 1847 those who believed in the doctrines of Universalism decided that the cause should lay dormant no longer and a society was formed. The location of the first church was the present site of the Free Methodist building. This was abandoned within a few months, and save occasional services in some hall the church was practically out of existence until 1866, when the late Rev. Holmes Slade reorganized it and conducted meetings several years. The property at Villa and DuPage streets was purchased and in the 80's a handsome brick building was put up.

The German Lutherans organized St. John's church in the fall of 1859, and it has been one of the staple religious bodies of the city, free from debt and without dissension. The organization has done much in an unostentatious way and a large parochial school has been maintained.

St. Paul's church (German Evangelical) was organized in 1875, and the building now in use was completed the following year. This society has been on a substantial basis and constantly increasing in membership.

The Swedish Lutheran church was formed in January, 1870, and the following year the Presbyterian church building on Center street, near Dexter avenue, was purchased. It was occupied until the Congregationalists completed their new building, when the society removed to its present quarters on Villa street, where it has a large membership.

The Catholics in the neighborhood of Elgin, Gilbert Station and Huntley were

attended as early as 1839 by the Rev. M. de St. Palais, a zealous French priest, who afterward became bishop of Vincennes, Ind. Mass was said in private houses and public halls every two or three months.

Father Faughan was the second pastor. He was succeeded by Father Doyle. Then came Father Scanlan. The fourth pastor, Rev. Wm. Feeley, visited in Elgin from



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (GERMAN)

1845 to 1852. During his pastorate, in 1851, work was begun on the first Catholic church in Elgin. It was built on a lot at the southeast corner of Gifford and Fulton streets, donated by Mr. James T. Gifford, a non-Catholic. The church was made of cobble stones and cement and was known as the "Cobble-Stone Church."

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Rev. James Gallagher served the Catholics of Elgin from 1852 to 1857, and it was he who completed the church begun by his predecessor. In the summer of 1857, Father Gallagher was drowned near the dam in the Fox river here.

Rev. Michael Carroll served as rector from 1857 to 1861. His successor was Rev. A. Eustace, who resided here until 1868. Father T. Fitzsimmons came in 1868.

etery, Fathers James Gallagher and M. Carroll are buried in the old church, and Very Rev. John Mackin lies under the new church.

St. Joseph's congregation was established in 1887. Archbishop Feehan appointed the Rev. B. Westarp pastor. The school connected with the church was opened in September of the same year, with 70 pupils. The Rev. B. Westarp left Elgin in August, 1895. Rev. A.



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

The foundation for the new St. Mary's church was begun in the fall of 1896. The corner stone was laid on the 31st of July, 1898. Rev. N. J. Mooney performed the ceremony. The church was begun by the Rev. John Mackin, predecessor of the present pastor, Rev. John J. McCann. Father Mackin did not live to see its completion, his death occurring on the 24th day of August, 1899.

December 16, 1899, John J. McCann, the present pastor, was appointed.

Of the priests who died here Father Wm. Feely is buried in the Old City cemRiss was his successor. He was pastor till February, 1901. Rev. Joseph Rohde succeeded him August 15th, 1901. February, 1902, Rev. Rohde bought the Schaller property on Division street and erected a new church and school. The corner stone was laid June 21st, 1903, by Right Rev. Bishop Muldoon, and the first services were held August 23d, 1903. The school opened September 8th with 70 children.

The Free Methodists organized in 1865 and had a prosperous church until 1870, when a division took place and the mem-

bership has since been small, but the members have continued their work with great earnestness.

In 1866 the Baptists organized their colored brethren into a society known as the Second Baptist church, which is located at Dundee avenue and Kimball street.

Among the churches erected during late years are the buildings occupied by the Immanuel Baptist, the Epworth Methodist, the Presbyterians, the Danish-Norwegians, the Swedish Evangelical, the United German Evangelical, all of which are flourishing and constantly adding to their membership. The Church of Christ, Scientists, worships in the Spurling block.

The wildest dreams of the early settlers have been more than fulfilled. Could they arise from their resting places in the beautiful cemeteries of which Elgin boasts they would be incredulous of their senses. With a population of 25,000, with the modern improvements, the complete system of street and interurban cars, electric lights, gas, water works and all of the public appliances that make life enjoyable, and especially with a class of law abiding and reputable inhabitants which is equaled by few cities, Elgin has every reason to feel proud of her progress and to view the future with satisfaction. The great system of railroads, connecting it with the world of trade, places the inhabitant within an hour's ride of Chicago, the great metropolis of the northwest, and hundreds of business and professional men of that city have elegant homes here. natural beauties and excellent drainage cannot be duplicated by the ingenuity of As a business center, it has attained a world-wide reputation and is yearly becoming greater. While there are but few millionaires here, there are scarcely any who are desperately poor, and the entire community can be placed as belonging to the "middle classes." other city do so many of the working people own their homes and live in such

cleanliness and comfort. With their houses well furnished, their families comfortably fed and clothed and a reasonable balance in the savings bank they are contented and happy. Each aims to be a help to his neighbor and to train his children in the way that they should be brought up.

There are many enterprising merchants who do a lucrative business and who add much to the prosperity of the city. All of the modern ideas in business are adopted by them and they are ever ready to advance the welfare of the community to which they belong.

The growth and prosperity of the city is due mainly to the many manufacturing industries, the oldest, largest and most prosperous being the watch factory, which is the best in the world, and which has been the means of inducing a large number of skilled employes to make this city their permanent home. The condensing company's factories not only employ hundreds, but consume the product of thousands of cows, paying the highest wages and bidding considerably above the market price for milk. To the condensing company is due the prosperity of this section. The David C. Cook Publishing Company and the Brethern Publishing Company make Elgin a publishing city as well. The output of the Selz-Schwab Shoe Company, the Illinois Watch Case Company, the Fauber Bicycle and Automobile Company, the Cutter & Crossette Shirt Company, the Star Watch Case Company, the Illinois Creamery Company, the Kerber Packing Company, the Elgin Silver Plate Company, the Woodruff-Edwards Foundry Company, the Elgin Brewing Company, the Elgin Butter Tub Company, the Creamery Package Company, the Elgin Butter Company, the Illinois Creamery Company, the L. A. Baker Foundry and Machine Company, and the many other industries make it one of the busiest cities of its size in the west.

In 1854 Elgin was incorporated as a city. Dr. Joseph Tefft was chosen mayor, C. S. Clarke, R. L. Yarwood, L. C. Stiles, Paul Wright, Edson Kimball and G. P. Harvey composed the board of aldermen. A financial cloud hovered over the city at the outset, preventing the making of improvements. The corporation had begun improvements from the depression when the news of the attack on Ft. Sumter turned the attention of all to national

ber of the 48th regiment, a company of the 69th, and two companies of the 127th, together with the Elgin battery, enlisted in Elgin in 1862. Afterwards two companies were formed of the 141st. Aside from these commands many individuals distinguished themselves by gallant and valiant service, and not a few Elgin men received medals and some were given high rank as their reward.

Among the plans of the prominent citi-



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affairs and the future of the city was forgotten until after the close of hostilities. Elgin, then a small place, sent far more than her quota to the scenes of battle. The first company of soldiers was ready to leave for the front within one week of the time that war was declared. The first company was mustered into service April 15, 1861. Another company of the 36th infantry, one of the 52nd and one of the 55th were raised that year. A large num-

zens that have added materially to the beauty of the city and the enjoyment of the inhabitants is the donation of the parks. James T. Gifford laid out a square bounded by DuPage, Chapel and Fulton streets and Park Place, when the original townsite was surveyed, and dedicated this breathing space to the public as long as it should be used for such purposes. This has been improved with trees, shrubbery, flowers, grass plats and

walks until it has become one of the beauty spots and is known as "Gifford Square." A triangular piece of ground at the intersection of Villa and Fulton streets is also in use as a small park and it is a pretty place. On South State street, G. P. Lord set aside a fine piece of ground for a small park that is improved and used for the purposes for which it was intended by the donor. It was not until after years that the splendid donation of Lord's park was made to the city by Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Lord. This is one of the most attractive places in the state. is not entirely due to the improvements made by the city and Mr. Lord. It was originally the property of Dr. Joseph Tefft and was visited by lovers of nature since the settlement of this section. possesses an abundance of stately oaks, hickory and other hard wood timber and the center is traversed by Poplar creek, which was a productive fishing stream many years ago. The natural growth of vegetation is profuse and in the spring the wood was veritably carpeted with wild flowers. The song birds seemed to appreciate the surroundings and they took possession of the trees in great numbers. The dove and the squirrel are still there, despite the encroachment of the landscape gardener and the woodsman who have cleared away the underbrush.

The tract donated to the city for park purposes consists of one hundred acres and has been greatly improved by the erection of a handsome pavilion, an entrance gate, band stand, bear pit, deer park, fox and wolf pit, the making of two artificial lakes, the building of macadam drives and cement walks, the erection of fountains and the arrangement of flower There have been donations from many citizens, but Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Lord have ever been willing to add whatever was needed to carry out any project planned that was halted for want of funds. This beauty spot is the principal pleasure resort of the people of Elgin and surrounding cities and will ever be a source of pride.

The latest addition to the beauty spots of the city is Wing's Park, which for natural beauty can not be surpassed. It consists of about 100 acres and is rolling, with wooded resorts and a beautiful creek. The place has been a favorite resort for picnickers for twenty years or more and has several springs of mineral water, it being impregnated with sulphur and iron. The late William H. Wing bequeathed this land to the city and the park commissioners took possession this year. A landscape gardener has been employed to lay out drives and make other improvements.

Elgin has two hospitals, the oldest being the Sherman. The late Henry Sherman donated a fine piece of property for the foundation of the institution and the hospital has been under the care and management of the Elgin Woman's Club since its inception. It is now one of the foremost institutions of its kind and the club owns property to the value of nearly \$100,000. The structure erected by the club is a modern three-story brick, and is fitted with all of the latest devices for the care of the sick and injured. addition is about to be erected. There is scarcely a society or individual in the city who has not contributed to this worthy institution, and all take an interest in its welfare. It has been well conducted and competent nurses are employed.

St. Joseph's Hospital was established three years ago by the Franciscan Sisters of Charity. A large dwelling house was purchased as a temporary building and fitted with the necessary appliances. Here the sisters have labored indefatigably and ardently. The hospital is a charitable institution and those in need of care are provided for regardless of their financial condition or their disease. St. Joseph's hospital has found favor with people of all classes, and its accommodations have been taxed to the utmost nearly all

of the time. A movement has been inaugurated for the erection of a new and modern structure.

Elgin today, all in all, is one of the best cities of the west. There is less poverty, less misery, strife and dissension than in most any other place of its size. Crime is rare. The police force, although not as large as in many other cities, is fully adequate in all emergencies, and the bulk of its inhabitants are justly credited with being of the great middle class that makes a community desirable as a residence as well as a business place. Its public library has an exceedingly large patronage, and the fact that the better class of literature is the most sought after is a sign of good character as well as good taste. large circulation of the daily papers and magazines throughout the entire community demonstrates its education and advancement. The immense deposits of the banks, especially of the savings departments, show that good wages are paid, and part of the earnings saved until the sums become sufficiently large to be invested. The valuation of property according to the assessor is about \$20,000,000. The city owns about \$400,000 worth of property. A complete system of sewerage has been planned and the nucleus commenced. About three miles have been put in, and the entire system will be completed in a reasonable time. The excellent gravel streets with which nature endowed the city, have been found adequate in the past, but during the last few years the rapid growth and increase of traffic have made paving necessary, and about two miles of the best quality of vitrified brick have been put down. The work of paving Grove avenue with asphalt is now in progress, and South State street will be improved early next season. There is a large amount of work of this nature in prospect during the coming year, and many other improvements have been planned. The bridge at Chicago street is a lasting monument to the enterprise of the citizens. There. an excellent system of water works in operation with about sixty miles of service pipe and mains in place. water is of excellent quality and rates are low. In order to meet the constantly increasing demand, shafts for artesian wells have been sunk. The city owns its own street lighting plant and despite the luxuriant growth of shade trees, there are few dark spots. It also furnishes light to a dozen or more business houses and to Sherman Hospital and Lord's Park. The fire department is exhibited with pride and by its efficiency has reduced the percentage of fire losses to a minimum. There are three great systems of steam railroads connecting the city with all points and during the last year there has been put in operation a third rail electric line that transports passengers and will soon haul freight. These roads connect with every line entering Chicago and by this means the manufacturing interests of the city are enabled to compete advantageously with all others. The city street car line is complete and the accommodation is much better than in nearly any other city of similar size. The company makes a reduction in fare during the hours that people are going to and from the factories. Volumes could be written of the advantages of this breathing spot and hive of industry.

PAST MAYORS OF ELGIN.

1854-5, Dr. Jos. Tefft; 1856-7, Sam'l J. Kimball; 1858, John Hill; 1859-60, Andrew J. Waldron; 1861, Ed. S. Joslyn; 1862, Walter L. Pease; 1863, Jos. Tefft; 1864, Walter L. Pease; 1865, Edward S. Joslyn; 1866, Jos. Tefft; 1867, Jno. S. Wilcox; 1868, Jos. Tefft; 1869-70, Melvin B. Baldwin; 1871, Wm. C. Kimball; 1872-3, Geo. S. Bowen; 1874-

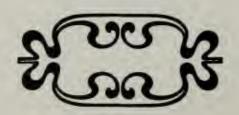
5-6, David F. Barclay; 1877, Edw. C. Lovell; 1878, Ed. F. Reeves; 1879, Geo. P. Lord; 1880-1-2, Frank S. Bosworth; 1883-4, David F. Barclay; 1885-6-7, Henry B. Willis; 1887-8-9, Vincent C. Lovell; 1889-90, Arwin E. Price; 1891-2, Wm. Grote; 1893-4-5, Wm. Grote; 1896-7, Chas. H. Wayne; 1898-9-1900-1-2, Arwin E. Price; 1903, A. H. Hubbard.

ELGIN POSTMASTERS.

With Date of Appointment.

Jas. T. Gifford, July 19, 1837; Isaac G. Wilson, Nov. 15, 1842; Edward E.

Harvey, June 7, 1845; Sylvanus Wilcox, Nov. 19, 1845; Chas. H. Morgan, June 19, 1849; Geo. E. Renwick, April 22, 1853; Edward S. Wilcox, Sept. 4, 1854; Geo. W. Renwick, June 25, 1856; re-appointed June 21, 1860; Geo. B. Raymond, April 17, 1861; Adoniram J. Joslyn, April 20, 1863; Jonathan Kimball, Sept. 19, 1866; Geo. B. Raymond, March 12, 1867; Frank T. Gilbert, April 21, 1869; Melvin B. Baldwin, March 14, 1873; John S. Wilcox, June 21, 1877; John K. LeBaron, Dec. 20, 1881; W. F. Hunter, Jan. 21, 1884; Wm. H. Wilcox, Aug. 20, 1886; W. F. Hunter, Dec. 13, 1889; S. W. Chapman, Jan. 12, 1894; H. D. Hemmens, Feb. 1, 1898; re-appointed, Feb. 1, 1902.



THE ILLINOIS NORTHERN HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE

► HE Illinois Northern Hospital for the Insane was chartered in 1869. The north wing of the main building was opened for patients in 1872. Subsequently the administration part of the main building and the south wing of the same were erected. Dr. E. A. Kilbourne was superintendent from December 1st, 1871, to February 27th, 1890, dying in the harness. To him, and to the able trustees who wrought with him, great credit is due for laying the foundations broad and deep. Space alone prevents personal mention of the names of the trustees deserving great credit along these lines. Dr. Kilbourne's superintendency deserves special mention both on account of its length and the excellent results accomplished.

Dr. H. J. Brooks was superintendent from March 4th, 1890, to June 12th, 1893. During his incumbency the annex, a building capable of accommodating three hundred and fifty patients of the chronic, nonviolent class, was erected.

Dr. Arthur Loewy was the next superintendent and held the office from October 4th, 1893, to March 23rd, 1897. During this period the male infirmary, a detached building capable of accommodating sixty patients, was erected.

Dr. John B. Hamilton, who was the next superintendent, held the office from March 23rd, 1897, to December 24th, 1898, his death occurring at the institution on the latter date.

Dr. Frank S. Whitman, the present superintendent, has held the position



ILLINOIS NORTHERN HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE

since January 12th, 1899. During this period, the woman's infirmary, capable of accommodating one hundred and ten patients, has been built; the old amusement hall has been remodeled and enlarged so that it is now one of the finest in the state institutions; twenty thousand feet

taxed to the utmost at all times. As in times past, the reputation of this institution for careful, painstaking scientific work is fully maintained, and advancement is constantly made.

Humane treatment is insisted upon, and great liberty is allowed all patients where



ILLINOIS NORTHERN HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE-ANNEX

of cement walks have been laid, and many other improvements made.

The farm in connection with the hospital consists of five hundred acres. The grounds are the finest of those owned by any state institution; the property belonging to the institution is valued at \$1,000,000.00.



MALE PAROLE COTTAGE AND INFIRMARY

The number of patients in the hospital is usually about 1210. Its capacity is

it is safe so to do. Its business management is excellent. Its reputation among alienists, and also among people who have friends needing the help of such an institution, is such that applications for admission are constantly declined on account of lack of room.

It is an institution of which the city has a right to be proud, and has an enviable reputation throughout the country.

In addition to the superintendent, the present officers of the hospital to whom much of the credit for its prosperous condition is due, are as follows:

Board of Trustees: Hon. James B. Lane, president, Elgin, Ill.; Hon. C. W. Marsh, DeKalb, Ill.; Hon. W. S. Bullock, Waukegan, Ill.; E. H. Wellinghoff, secretary, Elgin, Ill.; chief clerk, W. C. Thiers; treasurer, D. E. Wood.

The medical staff consists of the superintendent and the following physicians: Dr. E. A. Foley, Dr. George N. Lucas, Dr. Chas. E. Sisson, Dr. M. F. Clark and Dr. Joseph M. Kearney.

Elgin National Watch Company

N the spring of 1864 Patten S. Bartlett and Ira G. Blake, employes of the Waltham Watch factory, visited the west and decided that there was a field for a watch factory in the prosperous and progressive west. They met J. C. Adams in Chicago and the latter being an experienced watch maker, became immediately enthused with the idea. He had a wide acquaintance and having friends and relatives in Elgin decided at once to locate the factory in Elgin if possible. He interested Benjamin W. Raymond, who then resided in Chicago, but who had been one of the pioneer business men of Elgin, and who seconded the plan of locating the factory here. Within a few months they had incorporated a company as "The National Watch Company of Chicago," and then they came to Elgin where they secured the support of George B. Adams, a jeweler, who was one of the leading business men of the city. It was arranged with the capitalists and bankers that \$25,000 worth of the stock be taken here and a tract of thirty-five acres of land donated. The present site was owned by residents of Oneida County, New York, and it was found that the owners would sell the whole farm consisting of 171 acres for \$50 an acre, but would not sell a part of the property. At that time the watch industry was in its infancy as far as this country was concerned and those who had money to spare were skeptical concerning the enterprise. Watches were not within the reach of all, and the field was supposed to be limited. There was a prospect that the location of the enterprise here would not be successful and it was with difficulty that the capital for the purchase of the farm could be secured. Finally after weeks of hard labor

the promoters of the plan succeeded in getting B. F. Lawrence, Sylvanus Wilcox, Henry Sherman and Walter L. Pease to purchase the property. In December of that year they made the purchase and donating part to the company, laid out additions and placed the lots on the market. They purchased most of the \$25,000 in stock and succeeded in persuading others to take the balance. In order to promote the erection of houses thereon an acre of land was given each of the seven men who came from Waltham to take positions in the factory. They

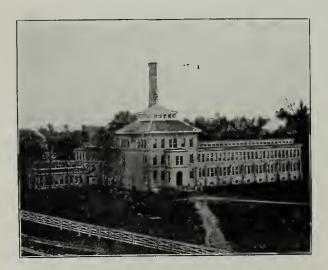


FIRST ELGIN WATCH FACTORY

were Messrs. George Hunter, C. S. Moseley, Otis Hoyt, P. S. Bartlett, D. R. Hartwell, John K. Bigelow and Chas. E. Mason. Some of these men purchased additional holdings soon after and the last of the original acre plats was recently purchased by C. H. Smith, who has erected a handsome home thereon.

There was great secrecy maintained concerning the location and plans of the company until the affair had been fully settled, and not one of the neighboring towns had any knowledge of the plans of the Elgin people until the location had been assured. All mention of the matter was carefully suppressed by the newspapers and but few of the citizens were consulted.

The incorporators of the company were mostly Chicago people. The first board of directors consisted of B. W. Raymond, H. Z. Culver, T. S. Dickerson, G. M. Wheeler, Philo Carpenter, W. Robbins, and E. H. Williams. Mr. Raymond was chosen president and served in that capacity until Oct. 10, 1867, when the late T. M. Avery was chosen and served until Charles H. Hulburd was elected to the



FIRST FACTORY ON PRESENT SITE

position in 1898. In September, 1864, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Adams went east to secure competent men to manage the institution. They secured George Hunter, the present consulting superintendent, to take charge of the machine department; John K. Bigelow, now of California, to be foreman of the train department; the late P. S. Bartlett, to supervise the plate and screw department; Otis Hoyt, now deceased, as assistant in the train department; Charles E. Mason, later of California, to have charge of the escapement department; D. R. Hartwell, who resides here, but who is now retired, as superintendent of buildings and fittings, and

Charles S. Moseley, now of Florida, as general superintendent. Ira Blake was also engaged, but declined to come and the position he was to have taken was given to Mr. Moseley. These gentlemen were under a contract for five years.

The complete organization of the company dates from February 15, 1865, and in January of that year a three story frame building was erected on the present site of the opera house block and convenient to the then raceway of the city. original machinery was purchased in Boston and the making of machines with which to manufacture watches was carried on for some time in this building, which was a small but busy place. The building being but a temporary affair and the timbers being small, it was found necessary to brace it on all sides with braces in order to keep it from collapsing, as it swayed with the vibration of the machinery. In the meantime H. W. Hartwell, a Boston architect, was preparing plans for a permanent factory building from which the first building on the present site was erected. It was a three-story brick building, 40x40 feet, with a two-story and basement wing 271/2x100 feet west, and an addition 27½x86 feet extending south. In April, 1865, the work of watch making was commenced on a limited scale. On April 25, 1865, the company was reorganized with a capital stock of \$500,000 and a board of directors elected of which B. F. Lawrence, of Elgin, was a member.

The first watch ever made in Elgin was of the English pattern (18 size) full plate, key wind, with quick train and straight line escapement, and so designed that the hands were set at the back. The watch is still carefully preserved among the valued relics of the company.

The company celebrated the New Year of 1866 by taking possession of the new building and commencing in earnest the manufacture of watches. The employes worked under many difficulties at first, being without the machinery that was almost a necessity and the factory building

as well as the equipment being incomplete, but the watches were of good quality and kept exact time, which was very encouraging. It was found necessary to add several departments at once and accordingly John Webb, who afterwards went west and is now dead, was engaged to have supervision of the dial department, which was situated south of the main building, where a small structure had been erected. Charles H. Bagley, now deceased, was hired to take charge of the jeweling room. Eben Hancock, who is still a resident of the city and an employe of the company, was secured to take charge

Laffin and Ryerson, all slow train movements, were produced and ready for the market. Soon after several other grades were made, consisting of the Fargo, Farwell, Ferry and Ogden, all named in honor of the leading men of the company of that time.

The Raymond and Culver movements were of the straight line escapement and quick train pattern. All others mentioned were of the slow train model with right angle escapements.

George P. Lord, of this city, held the position of manager of the company from 1868 to 1876, at which time the office was



ELGIN NATIONAL WATCH FACTORY

of the balance department. The flat steel department was supervised by William M. Goodrige; James Fairchild the gilding department; D. G. Currier the finishing, and J. F. Gilson the adjusting room.

The pioneer watch put on the market was christened the B. W. Raymond and was an extra jeweled, 15 jeweled movement, and was delivered to the dealers April 1, 1867. Then came the H. Z. Culver in July of that year, and before the close of the year the Taylor, Wheeler,

abolished, the president assuming the duties. In January, 1869, the capital stock of the company was increased to \$2,000,000. About this time a ladies' fine watch was put on the market. This was the "Lady Elgin" that at once became popular. Then came "The Frances Rubie." the "Gail Borden" and "Dexter Street." They were all excellent works, but have been long since withdrawn from sale and finer and more modern grades put on the market in their place.

In 1872 George Hunter succeeded Mr. Moseley as general superintendent of the factory, a position that he held until less than a year ago when he was succeeded by his son, George E. Hunter, and was made consulting superintendent. Under his supervision and the skillful financial management of the president, T. M. Avery, the factory has had an unprecedented era of prosperity.

In 1873 the manufacture of stem winding watches was inaugurated, and in June of that year the watches were put on the market. They soon supplanted the key

dealers and later as foreman of one of the finishing departments. He then became assistant superintendent, which position he still retains. It was not until 1875 that the manufacture of main springs was commenced and the factory now produces all of the works of the watch. At one time the establishing of a case factory was contemplated, but the plan was abandoned.

Previous to 1876 nothing but the highest grades of movements were manufactured and a large market was opened in Europe for their sale, P. S. Bartlett being



NATIONAL HOUSE AND GYMNASIUM

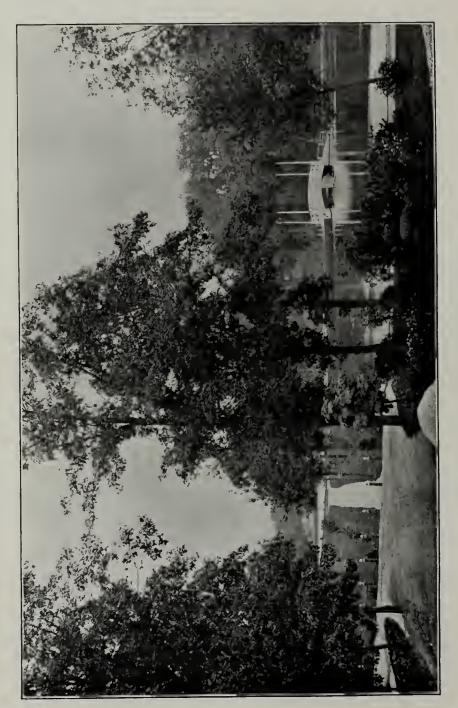
winding timepieces and this style of watch has been on the market since with improvements that have been added from time to time. In the meantime the name "Elgin" had spread until it was one of the best advertised cities in the world and in 1874 the stockholders prefixed it to the name of the company and every watch sent out from that time has been engraved with the name.

In July, 1874, William H. Cloudman entered the employ of the company, at first as a "missionary," introducing the new grades and styles of watches to

sent there for that purpose and meeting with great success. The neat Elgin watch found favor everywhere and was preferred by all to the cumbersome and less accurate and attractive European products. When the popular priced watches were put on the market the demand for them became so great that the company found it impossible to supply the orders for all of the grades and the European markets were virtually abandoned and the entire energy of the company put into the manufacture of the watches in demand in the home market. During all of the eras of

financial depression that have ensued since the establishing of the factory there has been no shut down and the whirl of the machinery has been heard daily in the great watch mill. The factory is undoubtedly one of the finest, most complete, and best managed in the world, and it is an utter impossibility to describe or even to give a faint idea of the many wonderful mechanical devices in operation there, that seem almost human in their workings. The present force is about 3,000, and they are well paid, well treated and content. Their work is of the cleanest and best and they are of a high class of intelligence and enabled to enjoy the comforts and many of the luxuries of the twentieth century. During the past year plans for almost complete remodeling of the structure have been put in operation, and a fine four story and basement front has been erected facing west. Great improvements are under way and the enlargement of the plant is constantly going on. The company is now under the direct management of Charles H. Hulburd, one of the leading business men of Chicago. The factory has a sick benefit society. It also supports a first-class hotel, where the employes are given a good home at a minimum price. The value of the plant is many millions and there is no doubt but that as great advancement will be made in the future as in the past.

During the long career of the factory, which has been remarkable for its prosperity, there have been but three presidents, B. W. Raymond, T. M. Avery and Charles H. Hulburd, who is now holding the position. The vice president is Ernest A. Hamill and the board of directors is composed of A. C. Bartlett, Henry A. Blair, Louis E. Laflin, Martin A. Ryerson and George T. Smith. The active management of the company is vested in the office of the president, sanctioned by the board of directors.



ONE OF ELGIN'S BEAUTY SPOTS

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

THE DAVID C. COOK PUBLISHING COMPANY.

The above cut illustrates the new plant of the David C. Cook Publishing Company, one of the leading industries of our city. The business was established in Chicago twenty-seven years ago, and was moved to Elgin seven years later. Since its location here it has grown wonderfully, and is now the largest of its special class in the world.

one-half million pounds of white paper are used in their production every year. The firm has made great strides in printing its publications on rotary presses in colors.

The firm has a branch house in Chicago, at 36 Washington street; one at 146 Fifth avenue, New York, and another at 101 Tremont street, Boston.

About three hundred people are constantly employed at the Elgin establishment, all first-class mechanics, to whom



PLANT OF THE DAVID C. COOK PUBLISHING COMPANY

When the company removed to Elgin, it occupied buildings in the heart of the city, at the east end of Chicago street bridge. Two years ago, not having sufficient room for growth, the present location was selected, on the banks of the Fox river, one mile north of Fountain square, and new buildings erected.

The business of the company is almost entirely with church societies and Sunday schools. Six weekly and twenty quarterly publications are issued, all undenominational in character. These circulate all over the world wherever the English language is spoken. More than two and

the highest wages are paid. No better looking and more satisfied body of people can be seen in any establishment in the country. It is interesting to note that most of the employes are members of churches, and that all are of good moral character—a most unusual thing in large establishments.

The buildings, which are believed to have no superior in this country for convenience, adaptability and comfort, are of one-story construction, with the exception of the center building in front, which has the editorial offices on the second floor. The front buildings are entirely separate

from those in the rear, and are connected by a covered passageway. The buildings in the rear are absolutely fire-proof, being built of brick, with roofs of corrugated iron and glass supported on steel girders. All the floors are of hardwood, laid on solid beds of gravel. This arrangement affords a perfect foundation for presses and other heavy machinery.

The central building and south wing are devoted entirely to office purposes. In the north wing are the composing room and electrotype foundry. The rear, or main factory buildings, are 167 feet deep by 252 feet wide, and afford room for the power plant, stock room, press room, bindery, mail room, merchandise and shipping rooms. These buildings are divided into six fire-proof compartments, protected by brick walls and iron doors.

The power plant consists of a battery of four 80-horse-power boilers, three of which furnish sufficient steam for power purposes and for heating in the coldest weather, thus leaving one boiler in reserve at all times.

There are two high-speed, 100-horse-power engines, each belted to a 60 kilowatt, 250-volt dynamo, either of which is capable of furnishing light and power for the entire plant.

Forty-seven motors, with an aggregate capacity of 118½ horse-power, are distributed about the plant, divided among the various departments as follows: Pressroom, 49 horse-power; bindery, 12 horse-power; foundry, 17 horse-power; photo-engraving, 9 horse-power; conveyers, blowers and other miscellaneous apparatus, 31½ horse-power. The buildings are lighted by six hundred incandescent and twenty-eight arc lamps.

One great advantage of the establishment is that everything is on one floor, and the paper received in the stock room passes immediately to the next room adjoining, where the presses are located. In this are to be found seven rotary presses built especially for the company,

printing in from one to four colors on both sides of the sheet, and delivering sheets at a speed of six thousand per hour.

All the different mechanical departments are supplied with finest and most modern machinery, and every process necessary for the complete manufacture of books and publications is carried on.

Opposite the factory and grounds a plot of five acres has been platted with a boulevard through the center, and forty building lots have been laid out. Here a number of handsome cottages have already been erected.

Mr. David C. Cook, the head of the establishment, is a kind-hearted employer, and commands the esteem and respect of his large force of operatives. The establishment is a monument to his untiring energy and enterprise, and is a pride not alone to its proprietors, but to the citizens of Elgin.

ELGIN CITY BANKING COMPANY.

The Elgin City Banking Company was organized under a special charter, granted by the legislature of Illinois in 1869, to transact a banking and savings bank business. The standing and reputation of the First National Bank of Elgin, of which it is an adjunct, is such that its success was assured from the first and the people have at all times placed full confidence in the management. From the first the savings department did a heavy business and it has grown year by year, until it has become the largest institution of that character in Kane county, and the amount of business done is surprising to those who are not conversant with the facts. prosperity of the working people of the city is evidenced by the showing made by the savings banks. This institution has a capital stock of \$100,000, and the undivided profits form a surplus on hand of

\$35,000. The deposits now in this bank amount to \$1,200,000, which is very large considering the many other opportunities presented to the people to invest their surplus earnings. The bank pays three per cent on deposits and the loans made are on gilt-edge securities only, and for that reason losses are reduced to a minimum and the profits correspondingly enhanced. The average workingman provides at least a few dollars for a rainy day and seeks to secure some absolutely safe place of deposit for this amount where he will receive a small return, and where he will be able to realize quickly and without heavy discount on the investment should misfortune overtake him. The acme of perfection for one having such desires is found in the Elgin City Banking Company and this fact is more strongly proven by the amount of deposits and the great number of depositors than it possibly could be in any other way.

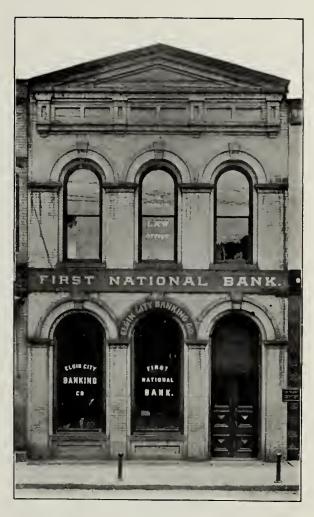
The following well known business men are officers:

President, John Newman; Vice President, Willis L. Black; Cashier, Andrew C. Hawkins.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

The First National Bank of Elgin was organized in 1865 and succeeded the private banking firm of Lawrence, Pease & Town. Since its inception it has held high rank as a reliable and conservative financial institution. During several depressions it has demonstrated the wisdom of its management and has added each year to its business since its organization. The paid-in capital stock is \$200,000 and the surplus and profits now on hand amount to \$90,000. The founders and organizers of this well-known institution have passed away with but one or two

exceptions, and the management is now in the hands of the following officers: President, George P. Lord; First Vice



FIRST NATIONAL BANK

President, David F. Barclay; Second Vice President, H. I. Bosworth; Cashier, Alfred Bosworth; Assistant Cashier, Andrew C. Hawkins.

ELGIN NATIONAL BANK.

The Elgin National Bank is a well known financial institution that was organized in 1892 by well-known bankers in connection with a coterie of the best business men of this section. They felt that there was not only room but a positive demand for a bank of this character, and in the organization they made no mistake. Its prosperity has been remarkable and the

deposits and loans are rapidly increasing. The management is efficient and progressive and does not fail to fully keep abreast of the times in modern banking. Deposits are received and a moderate rate of interest paid on long time deposits, loans on



ELGIN NATIONAL BANK

ample security are made, commercial paper and securities are purchased, and a general banking business is done. The management scrupulously guards and protects the interests of its patrons and has made a wonderful success in so doing.

The officers are D. E. Wood, President; Henry Schmidt, Vice President; L. N. Seaman, Cashier, and M. C. Jocelyn, Assistant Cashier.

RINEHIMER BROS.' MANUFACTURING CO.

Rinehimer Bros.' Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of interior finish, store and office fixtures, sash, doors, moldings; also doing general mill work, stair building, scroll sawing, wood turning, etc. It is fully acknowledged by dealers and the building trade of this section that no better or more acceptably finished goods in this line are anywhere produced, and this fact in connection with the broad and



RINEHIMER BROS. MANUFACTURING CO.

liberal policy and general high character of the house, has resulted in giving them a strong place in the confidence of the trade, as well as building up for them a splendid and ever growing patronage. Their factory yards and office are located at the end of Kimball street bridge. Messrs. A. C. Rinehimer, C. E. Rinehimer and Ino. Burmaster are the members of the firm and have been established in business here for the past fifteen years, and for five years of that time have been in the present location. They are business men of broad and comprehensive ideas, liberal policies, honorable principles and methods and are thoroughly representative public spirited citizens.

HOME NATIONAL BANK.

The Home National Bank of Elgin has been in existence more than thirty years, and is the successor of a private banking institution that was doing business long before the war. This bank has ever been closely identified with the manufacturing and commercial affairs of the city and has increased in importance fully in accord with the growth and prosperity of the city. It has a capital stock fully paid of \$150,000, a surplus of \$100,000, and its deposits at the present time exceed \$500,000. Commercial paper is purchased and loans made on negotiable security. The



HOME NATIONAL BANK

interests and rights of the depositors are carefully guarded. There are safety deposit vaults in connection with the bank, where strict privacy is guaranteed, and a saving department is also connected with the bank. The stockholders are among the best known business men and include Judge J. W. Ranstead, President; E. D. Waldron, Vice President; A. B. Church, Second Vice President; Wilson H. Doe, Cashier, and C. F. O'Hara, Assistant Cashier. The directors include the above officers and William Grote, John McNeil, A. D. Gifford, Dr. O. L. Pelton, Dr. A. L. Clark, and Judge D. B. Sherwood.

ELGIN AMERICAN GAS COMPANY.

C. H. Dunbar, Superintendent.

Elgin was first supplied with gas by Swift & Company, who built the original plant in 1871. The price charged for gas was then \$4.50 a thousand cubic feet. Consumers were few and the property was never a paying one until it came under the control of the American Gas Company about fifteen years ago. There are in Elgin about 5,000 homes and 3,500 of these are now gas consumers. The mains are being extended as rapidly as possible and it is expected that the immediate future will find practically every home enjoying the advantages which gas stoves and gas lights afford. The price of gas is now \$1.10 per thousand cubic feet and will be further reduced to \$1.00 net by March 1st, 1905. But few cities in the country have dollar gas and Elgin may congratulate herself that she has an up-todate and progressive gas company which serves the people well. Gas at a dollar a thousand becomes the poor man's light and fuel when formerly it was considered a convenient but expensive luxury. Some idea of the growing demand for gas may be had from the fact that during the year 1903 over 800 gas ranges were sold by the local company and 500 houses were piped and furnished with fixtures for lighting. The company has used every endeavor to maintain the standing of their product and in this has been very successful. The patrons have appreciated the labor and money expended by the company in their behalf, and the enterprise is one of the most successful of its kind in the west. The works have been repeatedly enlarged and remodeled but have recently been found to be totally inadequate to constantly increasing demands. The gas made by this company is of such a quality of purity that it is in great demand for both heating and illuminating purposes. The high standard reached by this company is fully proven by the fact that the consumption of

its gas has increased several hundred per cent during the past six years. The plant is owned by the American Gas Company, of Philadelphia, who owns many similar plants throughout the United States, and who employ a force of experts. The company in Elgin employs fifty men during the entire year besides a large force of laborers during the summer months. In addition to their works the company has recently purchased a site on Grove avenue for a large warehouse and work shop.

ture of the Seybold Reed-Pipe Organ has become among the important industries of the city and there is no doubt but that the business will add materially to the fame and reputation of Elgin as a manufacturing center. The demand for these instruments is steadily increasing. Their superiority over all other reed organs assures them success, which is speedy and certain.

The Seybold patent reed-pipe action



ELGIN AMERICAN GAS COMPANY'S PLANT

This will be erected next year. Additions and improvements to the manufacturing plant are also contemplated.

SEYBOLD REED-PIPE ORGAN COMPANY.

The Seybold Reed-Pipe Organ Company is one of the late manufacturing concerns that has located here, but it is one of the best of the many first-class industries of which Elgin boasts. The factory is a substantial building located at Dexter avenue and Race street and is 40x90 feet, three stories in height. Among the members of the company are several of the best business men of Elgin and their reputation will assure a respectful trial for any article endorsed by them. The manufac-

consists of a double row of cells, one above the other, every two half tones being connected; this gives every reed in this set the qualifying power of four cells; besides, all the reeds being deeply inserted in the cells, greatly increases the volume of tone over the ordinary style.

The instruments manufactured by this company are superior to all others of similar makes and pattern and for durability and tone have no competitors. Elgin is famous for watches, butter and other products, but the Seybold reed-pipe organ is destined to become the pride of the city and its people.

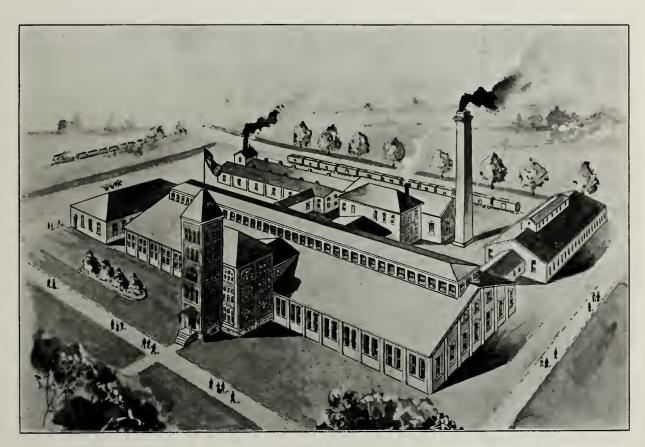
The directors of the company are William Grote, William Seybold, Fred H. Ackemann, Alfred W. Church, John A. Waterman, William F. Bultmann.

The officers are: William Grote, President; William Seybold, Vice President; John A. Waterman, Secretary; Fred H. Ackemann, Treasurer.

FAUBER MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

The Fauber Manufacturing Company is one of the recent additions to industrial Elgin and has one of the most prosperous and thriving factories in the west. The company was incorporated in 1901 when entirely new and superior machine on the market and is now greatly enlarging its facilities for that purpose and in order to meet the demand for specialties connected with the automobile trade.

Mr. W. H. Fauber started the present business in Chicago in a small way and during the first year put upon the market about ten thousand bicycle crank hangers. The growth of the business was very rapid and the output trebled each year during the first three years. The plant of the company now represents over a quarter of



FAUBER MANUFACTURING COMPANY

the business was removed from Chicago to Elgin. The Fauber one-piece crank hanger for bicycles is and has been in such demand during the past twelve years that it has taken most of the time and energy of the company to supply the market with this excellent article. The company has recently become interested in the manufacture of automobiles and parts of this vehicle. It will soon be able to place an

a million of dollars investment, has a very complete equipment of machinery and special tools and covers an acre of ground. There are 150 to 200 men employed at the present time. The company controls the Fauber patents and other patents covering one-piece crank hanger construction and a number of foreign patents as well. The output of last year was 175,000 complete hangers and a substantial ad-

dition to the business was done in automobiles, parts and specialties. The company has representative importing houses in all the principal foreign countries and Fauber hangers are well advertised throughout the world. W. H. Fauber is President; R. C. Burroughs, Vice President and Treasurer, and H. W. Norton, Secretary.

ELGIN PACKING COMPANY.

The Elgin Packing Company is one of the large enterprises of Elgin, being which is the latest and best in every way. It is chiefly engaged in the packing of hermetically sealed goods, consisting of sweet corn, pumpkins, baked beans and lima beans. The annual output amounts to millions of cans. The vegetables and other products used by the concern are raised in the vicinity of Elgin and during the course of the year several hundred people find employment in connection with this business. The company has facilities for making all the cans used in packing the various brands and the factory continues at work throughout the year. The Elgin Packing Com-



ELGIN PACKING COMPANY

established in 1867 at Geneva, Ill., under a corporate name of The Chicago Packing Company, by Messrs. Butterfield and Hibbard. In 1869 the Elgin Packing Company was incorporated and buildings and machinery moved from Geneva to Elgin, where from a small beginning it has built up one of the most substantial plants, enjoying a reputation for business integrity and sagacity second to none. The capacity of the plant at first was 5,000 cans per day, and was all done by hand. The present capacity of the plant is 80,000 cans per day, by machinery

pany's goods are celebrated everywhere for their excellence and they find a market all over the United States. The officers of the company are as follows: Wm. Grote, President, is one of the solid men of Elgin, and his identification with the company has had much to do with its success. Mr. E. Dunbar Waldron, Treasurer, is one of the leaders in inducing factories to locate in Elgin. Mr. Harry D. Barnes is Secretary and General Manager. His devotion to duty and uniform courtesy to business associates make the institution a great success in every way.

ELGIN STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY.

The residents of this city, as well as the strangers within its gates, may be congratulated upon having the splendid accommodations that are offered them by the Elgin Steam Laundry Company, located at 113 to 117 Division street, with such ample and excellent facilities and resources for procuring the best possible service on laundry work. Mr. W. H. Goet-

the same being manufactured by such well known firms as the Nelson & Kreuter Co., A. T. Hagen Co., and Geo. H. Bishop. This laundry operates a number of high grade machines not in possession of any other laundry in Elgin. One of these machines is the celebrated five-roll Hagen mangle. This machine alone costs \$1000.00 and is only used in first-class laundries. Another one is a machine with which they turn collars and guar-



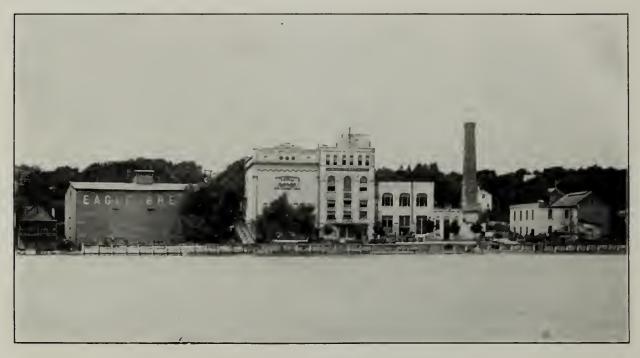
ELGIN STEAM LAUNDRY

ting is the enterprising manager of this establishment and the plant is most perfect in every detail, being equipped with all the latest improved machinery, appliances and devices known to the industry,

antee not to break them. This machine is a wonder in itself. And still another is a negligee shirt starcher. Strictly first-class work is done, highest quality being guaranteed, while the rates

are the regular standard laundry prices. All grades of work are done, from the most delicate lingerie to the laborer's shirt. One of the specialities of this laundry is hotel work, which is returned the same day as sent, if so requested. Employment is given to about thirty-five hands and three wagons are in constant service in calling for and delivering packages to any part of the city. This laundry has been established over a quarter of a century, a time long enough to forcibly demonstrate the quality of the work turned out. Mr.

Charles Tazewell, a native of Somersetshire, England, and operated by him until 1868 with the exception of about one year when in the Union army. In 1868 he sold the brewery to Casper Althen. Mr. Althen was born in Hackelheim, Germany, in 1840 and came to the United States in 1855 with his parents, locating at Two Rivers, Wisconsin. In 1861 he removed with the family to Sycamore, Ill., and in 1868 purchased the brewery and took up his residence in Elgin. In the purchase of the plant from Charles Tazewell Mr.



ELGIN EAGLE BREWING COMPANY

W. H. Goetting, President, and Mr. C. H. Boxberger, Secretary, give the business their personal attention and leave no stone unturned to bring this industry to the highest point of perfection, insuring to all patrons the utmost carefulness and best service obtainable. The most noticeable feature about their work is the manner in which they launder collars.

ELGIN EAGLE BREWING COMPANY.

The Elgin Eagle Brewing Company is one of the oldest in the state, dating back to 1849. The original plant was erected by

Althen was associated with Paul Dunce, but bought the latter's interest soon after, conducting the business alone till 1894. The Elgin brew has no superior and it is a great favorite wherever sold, and for more than thirty years has been the only brewery in Elgin, having a large trade here and in surrounding towns, which is rapidly growing. In the early nineties the sons were taken into the concern and in 1894 the present firm was adopted. Casper Althen died April 18th, 1896, being survived by his wife, Louisa, whom he married in Sycamore in 1861, and six children, three sons and three daugh-

ters, the former being the present officers Louis J. Althen is of the company. President and Treasurer; Emil Althen, Superintendent: Edward C. Althen, Secretary. The stock house was erected in 1892, the brew house in 1896, and the bottling establishment in 1898. thoroughly time that all citizens of every community awoke to the fact that in patronizing home products they are advancing the interests and welfare of their own city, and when these productions, as in the case of the Elgin Eagle Brewing Company, are the equal and in many instances superior, to those brought from a distance, it is still more essential. They use only the latest and most improved machinery and the process used in the manufacture of their products insures the very highest quality. Their Elgin brew in kegs, as well as the "Adler Brau Export" in bottles, have become too well known and appreciated for their purity and health-giving properties to need much The Messrs. comment at our hands. Althen are among the most enterprising and progressive citizens and business men and their industry as well as their own personal endeavor has been largely instrumental in building up the trade resources of our city.

ACKEMANN BROS.

The well-known firm of Ackemann Bros. is composed of five brothers: H. F. Ackemann, W. D. Ackemann, A. W. Ackemann, C. F. Ackemann and F. H. Ackemann. All came as young men from Winzlar, Province of Hanover, Germany. W. D. Ackemann, who is manager of the business, entered the employ of a dry goods firm here in 1873. He was the first of the family to leave their native heath and he came to New York in 1872, where he remained a year before coming west. In 1881 he engaged in the dry goods business in partnership with Fred

Sauer, having stores in the Fosgate Hotel block. In 1883 he disposed of his interest in the business to his partner and purchased the dry goods department of Grote & Ettner, located in the same block. In 1890 C. F. Ackemann formed a partnership with Edwin Clothier and they opened a furniture and undertaking business in the store adjoining that of W. D. Ackemann. In 1892 H. F. Ackemann bought out the interest of Mr. Clothier and this



ACKEMANN BROS'. DEPARTMENT STORE

firm became known as Ackemann Bros., although W. D. Ackemann was still conducting the dry goods business under his own name. In the fall of 1894 Henry F. and Fred H. Ackemann erected the business block now occupied by the firm. In April, 1895, the five brothers formed a co-partnership and together opened a department store in the new building just completed and erected with that purpose in view. The business became known as "Ackemann Bros., the Big Store." The building is 44x132 feet and

was at first but two stories in height. This building was crowded full of goods and it was necessary to use the basement as well as the two upper floors as display They dealt in almost and salesrooms. everything and the well-known line in the advertisements of this firm, "We supply the people from the cradle to the grave," explained fully the extensive stocks of goods and the large varieties handled. The venture was a large one for the city as well as for the proprietors, and the great success they have met with is due to the energy and perseverance aided by their honest business methods. They have been crowned with success beyond even their utmost expectations. It was absolutely necessary to increase their business facilities within a few years. In consequence another story was added to the building and a fine electric passenger elevator was put in, thus making it as easy and convenient to do shopping on the second or third floors or in the basement as on the main floor. The added facilities did not seem adequate and consequently the adjoining store was rented and 5808 square feet of room was added to that of their own building. This large firm now occupies 29,040 square feet of floor room which is very large compared with that of similar stores in this and other cities. The trade enjoyed by these progressive young business men is from this city and surrounding towns, as well as from the farmers of this section. When a customer is once secured his or her trade becomes a permanent fixture with the firm. They keep only reliable grades and never allow of misrepresentation to the customers. In that way they have built up one of the largest and most reliable trades of any firm in Northern Illinois. reputation for reliability and fair dealing is fully established and they are now enjoying the fruits of their energies in former years. That they are enterprising and fully abreast of the times can be no

better illustrated than by their success in the commercial world.

About fifty clerks are employed during the entire year, with about twenty-five additional during the holidays. All of the brothers interested are active in the business excepting F. H. Ackemann, who has been in the real estate business with William Grote for more than fifteen years.

ZIEGLER BROS.

Mr. E. W. Ziegler started business in Elgin in December, 1885, at 7 and 9 River



ZIEGLER BROS.

street, in a basement, as locksmithing and general repairman. About six months later John Ziegler went into partnership and they conducted the business in the name of E. W. & J. Ziegler. Later they purchased the hardware stock of Young & McOsker on Chicago street and did

this business in connection with lock-smithing and repairing. In 1890 W. F. Ziegler came to Elgin and bought the pump business of C. J. Kelly, at 7 Bridge street, now Chicago street, and soon after bought the coal business of W. A. Mott. In 1891 Chas. F. Ziegler went into partnership with W. F. Ziegler and conducted business together as W. F. and C. Ziegler. Each year marked the career of Ziegler Bros. with steady progress and in 1893 George A. Ziegler, youngest brother, came to Elgin and went into business with John and Edward and did business until 1895 as Ziegler Bros. In 1895 John and

was too small to accommodate the increasing volume of business and at once enlarged it and added passenger and freight elevators and are now doing an excellent business in general hardware, plumbing and steam fitting. In connection with this successful trade they are also doing a jobbing business in blacksmiths' supplies and wagon stock, covering a territory of over 30 miles about Elgin. This branch of the business is managed by W. F. Ziegler. The firm now employes 26 hands. Besides dealing in coal, wood, lime and cement it ranks with any similar business anywhere in the country, and it



THE H. KIND BAKING COMPANY

Edward bought the store at 171 Chicago street and at this time the five brothers went into partnership: John M., Edward W., William F., Charles F. and George A. Ziegler, and continued the coal business at No. 7 North State street, which was managed by W. F. Ziegler. Charles F. Ziegler fitted himself as a plumber and steam fitter and George A. Ziegler went to the plumbers' trade school at New York and after returning from there the firm started a branch plumbing and steam fitting business at Aurora, Ill., in their father's building, which was erected in 1897, at 71 Fox street. Not long after they realized the fact that the place then occupied at 171 Chicago street, Elgin, might be said it is the largest and most prosperous business in the entire northwest

THE KIND BAKING COMPANY.

The Kind Baking Company, located at 414 to 420 McBride street, is the largest institution of its kind in Elgin and was successful from the start. The company makes a specialty of fine bread and does a large business in Elgin and surrounding towns. There are fifteen men employed in the bakery and five wagons are used in delivering. The bakery is a model of neatness and is equipped with all the latest

machinery for bread and pastry making. The justly celebrated Joseph Baker's oven, the largest and finest in the state, is in use. All of the dough is mixed by machinery, which is a great improvement on the old hand method. Union labor is employed and the best of wages paid.

ROVELSTAD BROS.

Elgin is a watch and jewelry center and has produced many experts in that line.

Andrew Rovelstad, who were among the expert workmen of the Elgin National Watch Company. They were born in Norway and the former came to Elgin from his native country in 1869 and took a position in the watch factory. Three years later Andrew came and also commenced work in the factory. They were among the most highly valued and skillful watchmakers in the employ of the watch company and remained in the positions they had accepted until 1883, when they started in business. In 1892 Peder



INTERIOR VIEW ROVELSTAD BROS'. JEWELRY STORE

Among the best known firms throughout this vicinity is the old reliable and established house of Rovelstad Brothers. The firm has by fair and honest dealing, strict attention to business and practical knowledge, established itself in the confidence of all with whom it has had dealings. The firm of Rovelstad Brothers was originally started by Peder R. and

Rovelstad died and since that time the business has been conducted by the surviving brother assisted by J. A. Rovelstad, son of the deceased member of the firm. The share of the senior partner has remained in the possession of Mrs. Anna L. Rovelstad, the widow, and J. A. Rovelstad. Their reputation as watch experts has been firmly established for many years

and a force of skilled workmen is employed in the repairing and adjusting of high grade movements. They guarantee all of their goods, which need no further endorsement than the recommendation of Rovelstad Brothers. They do not confine their business exclusively to watches, but deal in the best grades of jewelry, diamonds and silverware. They also are expert opticians and do an extensive business in the fitting of glasses accurately to the In this line as in all others they warrant their work. The engraving done by the firm is of the highest grade. They also do an extensive mail order business and issue a catalogue which is sent throughout the west.

HARTLEY-RISPIN ELECTRIC MANUFAC-TURING COMPANY.

The type "C" Hartley motor has been designed for general uses and is made to meet all conditions of actual practice. They run sparkless, noiseless and cool at all loads. They have strong starting torque and are built to do more than we claim for them and that with a minimum amount of attention. For efficiency, reliability, durability, simplicity and beauty they are unsurpassed.

Multipolar, having four poles in all sizes, of the semi-enclosed type, with the highest possible grade of workmanship and material throughout. These machines are furnished with an oil pan sub base, under the motor as required by the underwriters. Each motor is also provided with a convenient belt tightening device.

The field coils are machine wound, as machine windings insure perfect uniformity in length and weight

The bearing sleeves are made of high grade phosphor bronze, self aligning, and have heavy oil rings. The oil reservoirs are amply large; overflow openings and drainage plugs are provided.

The armature coils are all form wound, each coil is carefully insulated and thor-

oughly tested. By our system of winding a positive circulation of air is constantly maintained through the coils while the machine is in operation.

The brush holder is accurately fastened to a ring which is set firmly on the front bearing. By means of a set screw simple and positive adjustment of the brushes may be had. The brushes are of the radial type and are of large carrying capacity, four brushes being provided on all 110 volt machines.

BOSWORTH & SON.

F. S. Bosworth & Son is a well-known business firm composed of F. S Bosworth, one of the veteran business men of the city, and Frank H. Bosworth, an enterprising and reliable young man. They are engaged in the lumber and coal business and are located at 75 South State street. In 1885 they purchased an interest in the business with the late L. S. Eaton and in 1888 they became sole proprietors. They have an extensive business and are highly respected as citizens and neighbors.

STAR WATCH CASE COMPANY.



The Star Watch Case Company, manufacturers of solid gold, gold filled and silver watch cases. Main office, Elgin, Illinois. New York office, 37 Maiden Lane.

CHICAGO AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.

The North-Western Line includes over 9,000 miles of standard railway in Northern Illinois, Wisconsin, Northern Michigan, Iowa, Minnesota, South and North Dakota, Nebraska and Wyoming and covers a country that is unsurpassed in agricultural productiveness and great natural resources.

In a widely extending circle reached by this line, are the farming and dairying regions of Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa; the vast cattle ranges of Nebraska, Wyoming and the Dakotas; the coal fields of Illinois, Iowa and Wyoming; the forests of Wisconsin and Michigan; the gold mines of the Black Hills; the iron and copper country of the Lake Superior district and the great water power of numerous rivers that are utilized by immense industrial establishments, or that await development by new enterprises in the well built towns and cities that cover this vast region.

In a reminiscent view, we need go back but a brief period in history to find that the first railroad built west and northwest of Chicago is now a part of the NorthWestern system and that its construction was begun 55 years ago, the completion of the first ten miles of road, reaching from Chicago to the Des Plaines River, marking an epoch in western development.

A very surprising flow of business to this pioneer line spurred the builders to greater efforts, and in 1852, a celebration was had upon the completion of the road to Elgin.

Elgin's history is thus closely associated with the development of the railway and the settlement of the west, and its progress has fully kept pace with the wonderful growth and improvement of this great Northwestern country.

The excellent train service of the North-Western Line places Elgin in touch with all important points in the west and northwest. All points in Wisconsin, Northern Michigan and Southern Minnesota, as well as in Northern Illinois, Iowa and the far west, are reached by this line. Between Elgin and Chicago the service is of the best and to points in Colorado, Utah, California, Oregon and the far west the service includes superb fast trains that make the journey to Denver only one night en route, and to the Pacific Coast in less than three days, with an equipment not excelled anywhere in the world.

BIOGRAPHICAL

HON. GEORGE P. LORD.

Hon. George P. Lord, who has long been prominent in the civic, business and church work of this city, was born at Le Roy, Genesee county, New York, March 26, 1819. He is a descendant of pioneers of the American colonies when they were in their infancy.

Mr. Lord lived on his father's farm until he was fourteen years of age, attending the district school during the win-He then entered his uncle's store at Palmyra, New York, to fit himself for mercantile pursuits. He spent all of his leisure time in study and at the end of three years went to Buffalo, where he remained a year and then removed to New York City, where he became a clerk in the establishment of Arthur Tappan. Afterwards he became a partner in the firm of Alfred Edwards & Co. In 1855 he came west and was engaged in the grocery business ten years with Raynolds, Ely & Co., who were then the largest grocery merchants in the west. In 1865 removed to Elgin and was ill eighteen months. In 1866 he was offered and accepted the position of purchasing agent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. While acting in that capacity he was offered the management of the Elgin National Watch factory. The company was then in its infancy and there were many perplexing questions to be met by the manager, but despite the situation he accepted and suc-

cessfully conducted affairs. The company became prosperous under his management, and the demand for Elgin watches increased. He remained as manager nine years, resigning to take charge of his private business. He became interested in dairying and scientific farming and devoted much time to developing the dairy business, and against the adulterating of butter. Many of his articles and addresses have been published and circulated by dairymen throughout America and Great Britain. He has always been public spirited and has served as Mayor, Supervisor, President of the School Board, Treasurer of the Illinois Northern Hospital for the Insane, President of the Board of Water Commissioners, and many other offices of honor and trust. He has spent much of his valuable time and money in beautifying Lord's Park, which he and his wife presented to the city, and has recently donated a fine piece of land and building for a home for old people. He is President of the Illinois Iron and Bolt Works at Carpentersville, President of the First National Bank, President of Board of Park Commissioners, President of the Elgin Academy, President of the Elgin Y. M. C. A., and has a large amount of private business, to which he attends personally. He has traveled extensively and has a fine library. In 1846 he married Miss Marcy B. Hendee and several years after her death was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary E. Carpenter. He is a member of the First Congregational church.

HON. WILLIAM GROTE.

William Grote has probably been identified with the growth of the city more closely than any other resident.

Mr. Grote was born in the village of Winzlar, Hanover, Germany, November 22, 1849. His parents were of the class of well-to-do small farmers, hardy, Godfearing, and painstaking in all that they undertook. He received a common education, such as other boys of the neigh-



HON. WILLIAM GROTE

borhood obtained, and when sixteen years of age yielded to a long cherished desire to seek the shores of America with the intention of making this country his home. He landed in New York, coming almost directly to Illinois, and located near Bartlett, DuPage county, where he bargained for a small farm. The following year his parents came and made their home with him until their death. In 1871 Mr. Grote removed to Elgin, having decided to put aside farming and to enter the commercial world. He first purchased the general mercantile business at Douglas avenue and Milwaukee street, where with J. Fred Ettner he continued until 1882, when he embarked in the real estate business with which he is still identified. He has been instrumental in the erection of many fine business blocks, among them being the Fosgate Hotel property, which he owns in company with A. B. Church. His most successful work was the locating of many fine factories here and the organizing of the company that purchased large tracts of lands, subdividing them, and placed them on the market, thus inducing hundreds to erect fine homes and the bringing of many to the city to reside permanently.

He with others planned and organized the Elgin street car system and the Elgin and Geneva, and Elgin and Carpentersville interurban electric roads, and during the eleven years he served as President of the company, he brought Elgin's street car system to a degree of perfection seldom met with in cities of our size and class. He was the active negotiator in the locating of the two big publishing houses, the watch case factories, the shoe factory, the shirt factory, the silver plate works, the new automobile factory and the new piano and organ factory, besides several smaller enterprises. He is President and a Director of the Seybold Reed-Pipe Organ factory and is also identified with many other manufacturing properties in the city and with the Home National Bank and other business concerns.

Not only is he successful in private life but he has been honored with many positions of trust, in all of which he has demonstrated his honesty, integrity and loyalty to the people who placed him there. He served two terms as Mayor of the city, has been Supervisor of the township, was for years a member of the School Board, and has held other official positions which he accepted reluctantly and at personal sacrifice Always a loyal Republican he has worked for the best interests of the party and without desire or expectation of

personal gain or advancement. He was elected chairman of the Republican County Central Committee a year ago and at once put new life and activity in that body.

He has been a member of the German Evangelical Association many years and is earnest and consistent in religion as in all things. In 1872 he was married to Miss Kate Deuchler, who died two years ago. His family consists of a son, Wm. E. Grote, and two daughters, Mrs. Augusta G. Nolting, and Mrs. Anna G. Knecht, and an adopted son, Frank Grote.

JUDGE JOHN W. RANSTEAD.

Judge John W. Ranstead was born on a farm at Udina June 14, 1843, and has spent his entire life here. During his early years he attended the district schools and later was a student at Elgin Academy and Lombard University at Galesburg. then studied at the Michigan State University at Ann Arbor, graduating from the law department with high honors. In 1868 he engaged in the practice of law in Elgin and has since continued therein, being one of the most successful lawvers in Northern Illinois. He was twice honored by being elected to the office of County and Probate Judge He was chosen as a Democrat, and this being the banner Republican county of the state, the compliment was a signal one. Judge Ranstead is a thorough business man and a deep reader of both law and literature. He has served as a member of the Public Library Board and as a trustee of the Universalist church, with which he is identified. He is a member of Monitor lodge, A. F. &. A. M. His home at 4 North Jackson street is one of the many handsome ones which abound in this city. He is married and has a daughter, Mrs. C. W. Lehmann. Judge Ranstead has a complete law library and fine offices at 167 DuPage street.

JUDGE RICHARD N. BOTSFORD.

Richard N. Botsford, nestor of the Kane County bar, was born October 28, 1830, at Newtown, Fairfield county, Conn. His father died when he was eleven years of age and it was necessary for him to depend largely on his own resources from that time. He attended the academy at Hobart, New York, for three years and afterwards received a thorough training for the profession of teaching at



JUDGE R. N. BOTSFORD

the state normal school. In 1851 he came to St. Charles, Illinois, and taught school for a time. Afterwards he went to Missouri, where he followed the same avocation. In 1856 he removed to Black River Falls, Wisconsin, where he entered the law office of C. C. Pope, and in the following year was admitted to practice at the bar. He returned to St. Charles and opening a law office became a partner of D. L. Eastman. He also edited the St. Charles Argus for a year. After the death of Mr. Eastman he formed a partnership with the late S. S. Jones, which

lasted until 1865. In 1861 he was elected Judge of the County Court, serving faithfully four years and giving general satisfaction. In 1867 he removed to Elgin and formed a partnership with the late Joseph Healy. Later he became the senior member of the firms of Botsford, Barry & Healy, Botsford, Barry & Kribs, Botsford, Barry & Lovell, Botsford, Barry & Wilcox, Botsford, Barry & Russell and Botsford, Wayne & Botsford. The firm is considered one of the most able and does a very large business. Judge Botsford is an unceasing worker and is devoted to his business and his home. He has the respect and esteem of all and his place in the Kane County bar is second to none. Judge Botsford has a wife and a son, Carl E., who is associated with him in business.

ELISHA DUNBAR WALDRON.

Closely identified with the leading business, financial and educational interests of Elgin, the name of Elisha Dunbar Waldron will always occupy a prominent place in local history. He was born in Elgin, Jan. 27, 1848. Here he received, in the public schools and academy, his education, and here the active years of his life have been spent in connection with various enterprises that have been no inconsiderable factor in the city's growth.

Failing health during early manhood shortened his scholastic years, and the recuperative exercise found in a lumber yard furnished him with a knowledge of the business that was quite useful when, years later, he became one of the organizers of the Elgin Lumber Company. Clerical experience was gained during the eighteen months he was employed in the Elgin postoffice.

Mr. Waldron assisted in organizing the Home National Bank of Elgin, be-

coming in turn Assistant Cashier and Cashier, occupying the latter position for eighteen years. He is now Vice President of the Home National Bank, President of the Home Savings Bank and Treasurer of the Elgin Packing Company. Since its organization in 1882 he



ELISHA DUNBAR WALDRON

has been Treasurer of the Elgin Loan and Homestead Association, and for many years filled the same position with the Elgin City Railway Company, of which he was one of the incorporators. He is a member of the Union League Club of Chicago, has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Elgin Academy (which recently became a part of the Northwestern University), of the Chicago chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, and an honorary member of the Chicago Bankers' Club.

Mr. Waldron was married December 2, 1873, to Louise Town, daughter of J. J. Town and Esther Graves Town, of Des Moines, Iowa.

DELMONT E. WOOD.

Delmont E. Wood, one of Elgin's well-known business men, was reared in the little village of West Winfield, New York. When but 17 he left home to become a



DELMONT E. WOOD

cheese-maker in Pennsylvania, coming to Illinois in 1866. Soon after he returned to school at Cazenovia, New York, and in 1870 was married to Josephine Smith. In 1871 he built the first butter and cheese factory in Huntley and in 1874 founded the firm of Mann & Wood in Elgin, and later moved the business to Chicago. He came to Elgin in 1881 and three years later built his South State street house, where he still resides. He is the sole survivor of the organizers of the Elgin Board of Trade.

Mr. Wood is now the President of the D. E. Wood Butter Company and of the Elgin National Bank, Vice President and Treasurer of the Creamery Package Manufacturing Company, of Chicago, head of the firm of Wood & DeLana, and Treasurer of the Illinois Northern Hospital for the Insane. His church interests are cen-

tered in the Grace Methodist Episcopal church of this city. Mr. Wood is an "all round" man, as shown by his daily habits of business and pleasure. He has always been a genuine sportsman and just now is an enthusiastic golfer both here and at the Country Club at Lake Geneva, where for twenty years he has had his summer home.

HON. DAVID F. BARCLAY.

David F. Barclay is one of Elgin's prominent citizens for various reasons. He was an early settler, a pioneer in the outfitting of the great industry, dairying, a Mason of high degree, and has held many offices of trust and responsibility. In every position to which he has been called or to which his ambitions have led him he has been successful and his name is honored in city, county, and state.



HON. DAVID F. BARCLAY

He came of sturdy Scotch parents. Born in Edinburgh, he emigrated with his parents to America and settled at Little Fort, now Waukegan, Ill., in 1842,

there learning the trade of tinsmith and coppersmith. He moved to Elgin in 1851, worked for a time at his trade, and then engaged for himself in the hardware business. He soon began, in addition to his other work, to make dairy apparatus, being the pioneer in this line in the west. In time, as dairying expanded, this branch of Mr. Barclay's business became very extensive. He manufactured the can in which the first shipment of milk was made to Chicago, and was one of the founders in the early 70's of the Elgin Board of Trade, whose annual transactions in butter and cheese-butter of late years—run up into the millions of dollars. For many years he was its President

Mr. Barclay has always taken a lively interest in politics, not only local but national. Before the Republican party was organized he was a Whig, and afterwards a Republican. He has voted for every Whig and Republican President since Zachary Taylor. Locally he has with honor filled many positions. He served four terms as Mayor and two terms as an Alderman of Elgin. For ten years he was resident member and President of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Northern Hospital for the Insane.

He, with Hon. G. P. Lord and the late W. H. Hintze, constituted the Board of Water Commissioners which built and put into successful operation Elgin's system of water works. For two terms he was President of the Board of Education.

Mr. Barclay has been a Mason for many years. He joined Elgin lodge, A. F. and A. M., in 1853, and is also a member of Bethel Commandery, Knights Templar, and Oriental Consistory, 32d degree Mason.

W. W. SHERWIN.

There are few men in Elgin in the past quarter of a century who have done more for its commercial interests and its growth and development than the man who leads this interview.

Mr. Sherwin spent part of his boyhood days in Madison, Wisconsin, and was about thirteen years of age when his parents settled in Elgin. He attended the public schools for a short time and then entered the academy. In 1871 he entered the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, but did not complete the course. In



W. W. SHERWIN

his senior year he gave up his studies to enter upon a business career. Forming a partnership with D. E. Wood in 1880, under the firm name of Wood & Sherwin, he commenced the manufacture of butter This continued until 1890, and cheese. when he purchased his partner's interest and conducted the business alone. 1887 he was one of the organizers of the Creamery Package Manufacturing Company, of which he was Secretary and also one of its Directors. Mr. Sherwin is a member of the Board of Trade of Elgin, and has been its Treasurer for a number of years. In 1887 he organized the Elgin Milkine Company, which is also incorporated and of which he was President. Mr. Sherwin is a member of all the Masonic lodges of Elgin and the Consistory of Chicago.

CHARLES H. HULBURD.

Charles H. Hulburd, President of the Elgin National Watch Company, has conducted the business of the corporation in a successful manner, as the results of his



CHARLES H. HULBURD

management have demonstrated. Its stock, already high when he was made President, has appreciated considerably since then. Mr. Hulburd was born in Stockholm, N. Y., on May 28, 1850. He was educated in the common schools and at Oberlin College, from which he graduated in 1871. The following year he entered the law department of the University of New York, and in 1873, when he graduated, he came to Chicago to practice his profession. After two years he entered the grain commission business with his

uncle under the name of Culver & Co. This firm continued on the Board of Trade until the fall of 1888, when on account of ill health of all the members they retired and made an extended journey abroad. Mr. Hulburd traveled in Europe for several years, though returning to this country frequently to attend to business matters. In 1893 he organized the Board of Trade firm of Hulburd, Warren & Co., of which he is Treasurer. He is a Director in the Corn Exchange National Bank of Chicago. For over twenty years Mr. Hulburd has been a stockholder in the Elgin National Watch Company. When T. M. Avery, who had been President for thirty years, resigned in December, 1898, the directors elected Mr. Hulburd to fill the vacancy. He is a member of the Chicago, the Commercial, the Union League, the Owentsia and the Homewood Country Clubs.

JUDGE HENRY B. WILLIS.

Judge Henry B. Willis was born at Bennington, Vermont, May 8, 1849, and is a son of David W. Willis, who came to Illinois in 1852 and located at Genoa where he purchased a farm and reared his family. In 1877 they removed to Sycamore where the parents passed away. Judge Willis grew up on the farm and after attending the district school he was sent to Clark Seminary, Aurora, and from there to Hillsdale College, at Hillsdale, Michigan. The year following he entered Albany Law School at Albany, New York, where he graduated in 1870. The following year he was admitted to practice in Illinois and in 1872 opened a law office in Elgin, occupying desk room in the office of Judge J. W. Ranstead. In 1876, having won considerable reputation as an attorney, he was elected State's Attorney and proved one of the most efficient officials that had ever occupied that position in the county. He was also elected Mayor of the city, serving faithfully in that capacity. It was during his



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administration that the city water works were established. In 1891 he was elected Judge of the Circuit Court and has been twice unanimously re-elected since. As a logical, forceful and reliable attorney he was among the foremost in Northern Illinois and as a jurist he is excelled by no one. He stands at the head of his profession and commands the friendship and respect of his associates and of all with whom he comes in contact.

In October, 1874, he was united in marriage to Lucy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wait. They have a daughter. Maribah T. Their only son, Oliver P., a promising young man, died two years ago while attending college in Colorado.

Judge Willis is a member of the Masonic fraternity, The Elks, Woodmen, Royal Arcanum and A. O. U. W. He has a pleasant home at 503 Prospect street.

DAVID C. COOK.

David C. Cook, Editor-in-chief and President of the David C. Cook Publishing Company, was born in East Worcester, New York, in 1850. His father was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. As a boy Mr. Cook was greatly interested in the Sunday school, attending not only that of his own church, but usually one and sometimes two other schools each Sunday.

Since boyhood he has been an aggressive and a successful aid to the Sunday school, church and temperance cause. At the age of 17 years he was appointed teacher of his first Sunday school class, in Ward's Rolling Mills Sunday School in Chicago. Soon afterwards he offered his services as teacher in Milwaukee Avenue Mission and Wicker Park Sunday schools, and for four years following was most of the time teaching in two or three schools each Sabbath, while his evenings were



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mostly given up to visiting members of his classes. The unusual success which Mr. Cook has attained as a publisher of Sunday school literature is undoubtedly

whole life has been devoted to that work. After the great Chicago fire he began to develop the Sunday school field on the north side. Witnessing the distress of those about him he threw himself heartily into relief and mission work in one of the poorest sections of the burned district. During the fall of '71 he left his home. and with three other young men whom he had persuaded to co-operate with him, rented rooms in this field, and gave all his spare time, including evenings and more or less weekdays and Sundays, to relief and mission work, conducting neighborhood prayer meetings, providing for sick and distressed, and otherwise helping where help was needed. During the winter following he organized and superintended his first Sunday school, "Everybody's Mission." This school was opened in a German theater and beer hall, on North avenue, in what was then one of the roughest neighborhoods of the city. Afterwards a lot was leased and a building erected for the school on an adjacent street. With an attendance of 350 to 450, and without aid from any church or society, he maintained this school for a period of five years and until nearby churches were able to occupy the field.

Besides "Everybody's Mission" he started and superintended the North Avenue Mission, Lake View Mission and Lake View Union Sunday school in Chicago, and Grace Sunday school in Elgin, besides several smaller schools. Much of the time for ten years he superintended two schools, and some of the time three schools, each Sabbath.

His first publications were prepared for use in his own Sunday schools, but as other schools showed a desire for the same helps much of his time was soon given up to providing for what proved to be a general demand. Keeping constantly in touch with practical Sunday school work Mr. Cook has been able to so far anticipate the needs and possibilities, that his

due in some measure to the fact that his whole life has been devoted to that work. After the great Chicago fire he began to develop the Sunday school field on the north side. Witnessing the distress of those about him he threw himself heartily into relief and mission work in one of the poorest sections of the burned district. During the fall of '71 he left his home, and with three other young men whom he patronage.

The larger part of the profits of the business has been continually employed for the improvement of the publications and the lessening of their cost to Sunday schools.

When Mr. Cook first entered seriously and vigorously into the business of publishing Sunday school literature, his establishment was in Chicago. As the business increased there was a demand for space that could not be satisfied without removing to a new location. Accordingly in 1882, the entire business, excepting the Chicago salesroom, was removed to Elgin.

As an employer Mr. Cook has always been accorded the sympathetic loyalty of his employes, many of whom have grown up and grown old with the business.

Since coming to Elgin he has shown himself a public spirited citizen, and although prevented by stress of business from taking any active part in city affairs, he has contributed generously to numerous charities and enterprises.

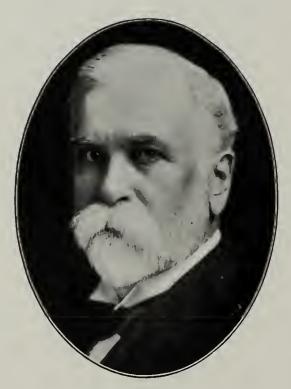
He has been for some years superintendent of the First M. E. Sunday school, and at the last annual conference of the Methodist church was elected a delegate to the general conference.

GEORGE HUNTER.

George Hunter, who for many years was superintendent of the mammoth manufactory of the Elgin National Watch Company, was on the 1st of January, 1903, advanced to the position of consulting superintendent. The office was at

that time created—as it were, a post-graduate place—for one who, relieved of the active and exacting duties of superintendent, would be at hand at all times to give the benefit of his long experience in many of the details of the watch factory.

Mr. Hunter was born on a farm in Wendell township, Franklin county, Mass., Nov. 13, 1834. Up to and including the winter of 1847-8 he attended the district school and then, feeling the necessity of earning his own living, he



GEORGE HUNTER

entered the cutlery works of J. Russell & Co., Greenfield, Mass., where he remained till the spring of 1850. At that time he went to Terryville, Litchfield county, Conn., and was employed at patternmaking in a malleable iron works in which his brother was interested, remaining till August, 1852. Desiring to become a machinist his next move took him to the Springfield, Mass., Locomotive Works, where he secured a position which proved to be the entering wedge for something better. In 1854 he found a situation with the Massachusetts Arms

Co., at Chicopee Falls, which had just secured from an English government commission contracts for equipping the Enfield Armory with gunstocking machinery after the types then in use at the Springfield armory—the entire contracts of American firms with the English being for a full equipment of American machinery.

On the completion of this work Mr. Hunter located at Haydensville, Hampshire county, Mass., where he was connected in the capacity of contractor with the firm of Hayden & Sanders, makers of steam and water goods. There in October, 1858, he was married to Miss Louise J. Conner, and his next move gave him his first experience in the watch making line, with the American Watch Company, now the American Waltham Watch Company, of Waltham, Mass., as machinist and die maker.

Three years later, at the breaking out of the War of the Rebellion, there was a temporary collapse of the watch making business, and in the fall of 1861 Mr. Hunter secured a position with an arms factory at Binghamton, N. Y. Before the winter was over he was solicited to return to the Waltham factory, and in 1863 was promoted to the assistant foremanship of the machinery department under the late Ambrose Webster.

In the fall of 1864, when the National (afterwards the Elgin National) Watch Company was being formed, he was engaged to come to Elgin under a five-year contract to organize and conduct the machinery department. Continuing at this work until April, 1872, he succeeded to the office of general superintendent, which position he filled until the first of this year (1903), when he was appointed to his present position, his son, George E. Hunter, becoming general superintendent.

The beginning of Mr. Hunter's watch making career antedates the establishment of the Elgin company, and his connection with it from its inception has been a considerable factor in the building up of an institution in which not only Elgin but the state and even the country at large takes a just pride.

Mr. Hunter has a wife and one child, and lives at the corner of Raymond and Watch streets.

JOHN NEWMAN.

John Newman is one of our best known and most highly respected citizens, as well as one of the most prominent business men. He was born in Bishop Stortford,



JOHN NEWMAN

Hertfordshire, England, March 11, 1843, the son of a manufacturer and of a family with a long line of ancestors. When fourteen years of age he was apprenticed to the merchandise trade and for three years remained in the employ of William Pavitt, Stanstead, England. When seventeen years of age he came to America with his aunt, Mrs. Robert Pinkerton, of Chicago, obtaining employment in the large dry goods establishment of Potter Palmer. October 9, 1864, he came to Elgin and with Daniel Innes engaged in the dry goods and grocery business, purchasing

the large business of M. and J. McNeil. A few years later he purchased the interest of his partner and continued in the business many years, acquiring the name of "The Old Reliable." He was successful and enterprising as a merchant and although he met with two severe losses by fire, his business career was a brilliant suc-He engaged in the creamery business and became one of the most extensive manufacturers of butter in the United States. In 1878 he started the now famous "Springbrook Creameries." He soon extended his business in this line until he now owns creameries throughout Northern Illinois, Southern Wisconsin and Iowa. He disposed of his mercantile business several years ago and has since devoted his entire time to the promotion of the butter business. Mr. Newman is known as an admirer and breeder of fine horses and is public spirited and liberal in all things. He was for many years a leading member of the Board of Education and has been an officer of the Elgin Board of Trade almost since its organization. He was presiding officer of the Sons of St. George for a number of years. He is the President of the Elgin City Banking Company, also a Director in the First National Bank of Elgin. For a number of years has been and is now the President of the large business men's club of Elgin, known as the Century Club, the leading social club of the city. Mr. Newman was married to Harriet Virginia Beaty, who died April 2, 1876, and on October 27, 1887, he was joined in wedlock to Mrs. Laura J. Borden. He has three sons, who are engaged in business with him.

JUDGE EDWARD C. LOVELL.

Judge Edward C. Lovell was among our ablest and best citizens. He was born in Chicago July 18, 1842, and was a son of Vincent S. and Lucy Smith Lovell. The father came from England and the latter was born in Oneida county, New York. The family came to Elgin in 1837 and Mr. Lovell purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in what is now the northern part of East Elgin. The south line of the land was near what is now known as Jefferson avenue and a large part of the property is still in possession of the family. In 1841 the family removed to Chicago, where Mr. Lovell engaged in mercantile pursuits and where the birth of Judge Lovell occurred. The family returned to Elgin where the death of the father took place in 1852. Mrs.



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Lovell then took charge of the estate and managed it with much skill and business ability, giving her two sons, Edward S. and Vincent, advantages in education that were the privilege of but few at that time. The boys were sent to the public schools and Elgin Academy, and later to Ann Arbor, where they graduated. Mrs. Lovell accompanied them to the latter place and remained there during their college course. From early childhood until his death Judge Lovell was among the best known and highly respected resi-

dents. When the Civil war came on he enlisted in the service of his country and was made Captain of Co. C, 141st Illinois Infantry. He also served as adjutant of the regiment. He remained with the command until autumn of 1865, when the regiment was mustered out of service. During the greater part of his war service Captain Lovell was on detached duty as inspector general on the staff of General N. A. M. Dudley and later on the staff of General John E. Smith. Previous to entering upon his military service he had attended the University of Michigan and had taught school. He again took up teaching on his return from the army and later went back to the university where he graduated from the literary department. After reading law in the office of General John S. Wilcox for a year or more he returned to the university and in 1870 graduated from the law department. He then opened a law office in Elgin and almost immediately secured a large practice, being very successful. In 1882 he was elected County Judge and reelected in 1886. He was also City Attorney, Library Director, Mayor, President of the Board of Education, and a member of the State Legislature. He was a member of the G. A. R. and the Loyal Legion. June 3, 1885 he was married to Miss Carrie G. Watres of Scranton, Pennsylvania, who died in 1896. Judge Lovell died Jan. Three daughters, Gertrude, Lucy and Margaret, survive.

ALFRED BOSWORTH.

Alfred Bosworth was born at Dundee, Illinois, April 1, 1846, and is a son of Increase C. Bosworth, a pioneer merchant and banker. He received his education in the public and private schools and the University of Chicago, graduating from the University of Chicago in the class of 1865.

In 1867 he engaged in the dry goods business with I. C. Bosworth and George M. Peck, retiring in 1875 to become a partner in the banking business of Bos-

Chicago; Neil, Roland I., Louise M., Winifred S., and Dorothy Helen, all of whom, with the exception of Mrs. Levering, live in Elgin.



ALFRED BOSWORTH

worth, Carpenter & Co., composed of 1. C. and Alfred Bosworth and the late Julius A. Carpenter. In 1876 Bosworth, Carpenter & Co. purchased the controlling interest in the First National Bank. Alfred Bosworth was made Cashier and has remained in that position up to this time, being the General Manager of the largest banking business in the county. He is also largely interested in farms and dairy farming.

Having spent all his life in Kane county he has a very extensive personal and business acquaintance and stands at the top in regard to banking and commercial affairs. His advice and counsel are sought by many and always freely and honestly given. He removed from Dundee to Elgin in 1867 and was married to Eleanora M. B. Wheeler in 1873. He has six children: Edith E., now Mrs. W. A. Levering, of

JAMES B. LANE.

James B. Lane, who for many years has been among the most prominent and progressive business men of the city, was born June 15, 1845, at Mechanicsville, Saratoga county, New York. There he attended the public schools and laid the foundation for his successful business career. He came to Elgin in 1874 and engaged in contracting and building. He later, with others, established the Elgin Lumber Company, of which he is now Manager, and the Elgin Brick and Tile Company, he being the President of the



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latter company. He has been active in establishing many of the prominent business enterprises of the city and Elgin owes much of her progressiveness and present prosperity to his wise judgment and business sagacity.

Mr. Lane was among the foremost of the business men who originated the splendid system of electric street railways which has been of such value to the city. He engineered the construction of the Carpentersville, Elgin and Aurora line and was President of same until it consolidated with the Elgin City Railway. Mr. Lane was actively interested in bringing to Elgin the Ludlow shoe factory, now owned by Selz, Schwab & Co., and was one of the syndicate, with Judge S. Wilcox, John McNeil, A. B. Church and William Grote, who established the silver plate factory here. He was ever on the alert to secure for Elgin any reliable and desirable enterprise.

Mr. Lane has also been prominent in Republican politics, and managed many a campaign with signal success. He represented his ward in the City Council and was a delegate to the National Republican Convention at St. Paul, Minn. He is President of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Northern Hospital for the Insane.

Mr. Lane is patriotic to a degree. He enlisted in his country's service at Troy, N. Y., when but eighteen years of age. He was assigned to Company E, 21st New York cavalry, was with General Sheridan at Winchester, and was mustered out of the service in Colorado in 1866.

Mr. Lane was married to Emma E. Moulton at Barrington, Ill., in May, 1874. He has one son and one daughter, the former living in Chicago and the latter in Colorado. The family home is at 702 Brook street.

CHARLES H. POTTER.

Charles H. Potter was born in Plato township, Kane county, September 14, 1851, and is a son of the late Harry Eddy Potter, who settled in Illinois in 1836, and Mrs. Mary A. Griggs Potter, who

came here with her parents in 1834. His parents were married in Kane county in 1840 and on both sides of the house he traces his ancestry back to Puritan stock. On his paternal side they stood for liberty of conscience and were among the founders of Providence and Warwick, R. I. Mr. Potter's father died when he was but fourteen years of age and the care of a large farm fell upon the young man. He took the place of head of the family and successfully conducted the farm, maintaining the family and showing the same excellent business ability that has characterized him through life. In the



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meantine he realized the need of an education and managed to attend the district school during part of each winter. Afterwards he attended the Marengo Business College. He remained at home in charge of the farm until he attained his majority. In 1872, in company with Abe Archibald, he purchased the grocery business of M. and J. McNeil. Soon after the partnership was formed Mr. Archibald retired from the business and Mr. Potter

continued alone until 1883, when he went into the butter business with the late W. H. Hintze. They also engaged in the real estate business, platting and selling Hintze & Potter's addition to Elgin, which is one of the finest. This consisted of forty-five acres in the southwestern part of the city. Mr. Potter was one of the incorporators of the Elgin Butter Company and was its Secretary. He traveled over the greater part of the United States and established the markets for this famous brand. 1891 he resigned from the company and with Obadiah Sands completed the organization of the Elgin Creamery Company, being the Vice President and General Manager and having full charge of the butter department. In 1894 he resigned from this company, which was then the largest producer of butter and cheese in the United States. He then organized the Excelsior Creamery Company, of which he became President and Manager. This company operates creameries in Illinois and Wisconsin and does a large jobbing business in all of the principal markets. Mr. Potter has always taken an interest in public affairs and is a staunch Republican. Although active in politics he has never been a candidate for office, but was a member of the Board of Water Commissioners several years and is the originator of the artesian well system for supplying the city. In 1873 he was married to Miss Elvira J. Mann, daughter of the late Hon. S. S. Mann, and has one daughter, Alice Potter, the wife of Prof. John Tetzner. He resides at 518 Chicago street.

GEO. E. HUNTER.

Geo. E. Hunter was born in a city that years ago became noted as a center for the manufacture of watches and which, in the formative period of the Elgin National Watch Company, furnished many skilled artisans who were destined to build up a still greater industry in the west. Waltham, Mass., his native town, has been the home of numerous eminent watch makers, and here he was born Nov. 29, 1859. When he was quite young his parents moved to Elgin, and in the Elgin public schools and academy he secured his education, graduating from the academy, and soon afterward becoming an apprentice in the machinery department of the Elgin



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watch factory. He commenced there Sept. 3, 1877, and six years later he became assistant foreman of the escapement department, taking entire charge of the room in 1885. In September, 1888, he became assistant superintendent of the factory, and on the first day of January, 1903, he was promoted to the position of superintendent, succeeding his father, George Hunter, who had been superintendent many years, and who became consulting superintendent, filling a newly created office.

He is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and of the Franklin Institute. He has a beautiful home at 325 Watch street, his family consisting of his wife and three children.

ALFRED J. MANN.

Alfred J. Mann is among the best known retired business men of the county.



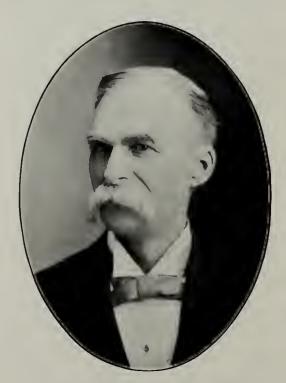
ALFRED J. MANN

He was born November 8th, 1835, in Wyoming county, New York, and is a son of the late James Mann. The family has been prominent in business and public affairs in Kane county many years and the subject of this sketch is no exception. He attended the Wyoming county schools until the family removed to Illinois and located in Kane county, which was in 1844, after which he attended school there until he was seventeen years of age, when he joined his brother in the general mercantile business at Burlington, where he remained thirty years. In 1879 he removed to Elgin, being at that time engaged in the

general commission and mercantile business in Chicago. In 1881 he disposed of his Chicago interest and purchased a drug business here which he conducted several years, until he retired from active business life. Mr. Mann still holds fine farming properties in Burlington township. He has held the following offices: Supervisor of Burlington and Elgin, member of Board of Aldermen, and member of the Board of Education. He is married and has two daughters living. The family home is among the most attractive in the city and is at 300 South State street. He is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity.

HON. AUGUSTINE H. HUBBARD.

Augustine H. Hubbard, the present efficient Mayor of this proud city, was born March 17, 1850, at Salem, Michigan. He was ten years old when his parents left



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their home in Michigan and removed to Minnesota, where he remained for about twenty-five years in Winona, St. Paul and

Lake City. He attended the normal school in Winona and commenced mercantile life as a clerk at Lake City. During the Indian wars there he served as special messenger for General Sibley and afterwards attended business college in Chicago. He engaged in farming in Mc-Henry county, and in 1871 removed to Elgin. For some time he was employed in the office of the City Clerk and he has since been engaged successfully in the fire and life insurance business. served as Justice of the Peace for twentyfive years and although often importuned has steadily refused to become a candidate for any other office until last spring, when he was put in the field for Mayor and elected by a handsome majority. Hubbard is married and has two sons, Fred and Ray. His comfortable home is at 145 Hill avenue.

WILLIAM F. SYLLA.

William F. Sylla was born in Elgin August 6, 1840, and educated at the public schools and at the Elgin Academy. He enlisted in Co. A, 36th infantry in July, 1861; discharged in December; re-enlisted in 67th Illinois June, 1862; appointed Quartermaster Sergeant of Camp Douglas, Chicago; discharged by expiration of service September, 1862, and thereafter served as clerk in the subsistence department, Gens. Quimby's and Hascall's divisions and Chief Commissary, Army of the Ohio. Is a member of the G. A. R.

After four years' service in the War of the Rebellion returned to his home in Elgin and was in the drug business with M. B. Baldwin. His friends, like his business, have increased every year, and in March, 1875, he was elected City Clerk and in April Town Clerk, and consecutively since that date. Was elected member of the Board of Education for fifteen years consecutively, and was Secretary

of the Board for sixteen years. No man holding office under the present city regime is more deserving of success and esteem, having made a record in his present official position of which any citizen might feel proud. He was married Dec. 5, 1871, to Miss Kate E. Raymond, only daughter of George B. Raymond, and resides at 277 Prairie street. Mr. Sylla has four children, Mary E., now Mrs. Ed.



WILLIAM F. SYLLA

R. Davery, Daisy A., George B. R. and Marguerite K. Sylla. Mr. Sylla and family are members of the Baptist church of Elgin, and he is a deacon and clerk of the church. It is sincerely hoped that he has many more years ahead of him and that he may continue to fill the very important office he now holds.

EDWARD S. ENO.

Edward S. Eno was born at Honesdale, Wayne county, Pennsylvania, on the 26th day of May, 1848. He was raised on a farm near Honesdale and derived his early education in the public schools of that place. After leaving the farm, he

spent two years clerking in a hardware store, and in 1870 began his service with the Borden's Condensed Milk Company at Brewster, New York. He was transferred to Elgin, Illinois, in 1871, and was made superintendent of the Elgin factory in 1882, which position he holds at the present time, this being the first Borden plant erected in the west. He has had a great deal to do in locating and establishing outside branches of this industry and in educating men to fill responsible positions for the said company. The large



EDWARD S. ENO

brick plant at Carpentersville, Illinois, was erected under his direct supervision. It is greatly to his credit that he has had the confidence and esteem of his employes to such an extent that no discontent has manifested itself during his charge of the company's affairs, and the factories under his management have ever been entirely free from strikes and lockouts. The Borden Company is the sole manufacturer of the famous "Eagle Brand" condensed milk.

It is well known that Elgin is the center of one of the most noted dairy sections of the United States, and it is probably due as much to his (as to any one man's) influence and untiring efforts that the farming interests of this community have been brought to their present high state of efficiency.

Mr. Eno was a member of the old Volunteer Fire Department for eight years and at the close of that service, held the position of Assistant Fire Marshal. He served one term on the Board of Education and one term in the City Council. While a member of the Council he was Chairman of the Special Committee on Water Works, and it was largely through the efforts of this committee that the present system of water works was inaugurated, the contract for same being let by this committee at that time. He also served on the Board of Water Commissioners for eight years. He is at present acting as one of the Fire and Police Commissioners of the City of Elgin.

Mr. Eno, although unassuming, has always been public spirited. In politics he is a Republican. Is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He is married, has three children and lives at No. 617 North Spring street.

HENRY SHERMAN.

The late Henry Sherman was one of the pioneers of this section and was closely identified with the early history of the He was born in Dutchess county, New York, in 1805. During his youth his father died, leaving a widow and ten Henry undertook the support of the family and also of the payment of debts contracted by his father. Although the wages were small Mr. Sherman successfully carried out his determination, undergoing much privation and many hardships in the meantime. His health became broken and he found employment in an auction store at Schenectady at the munificent salary of \$7 a month and board. Later he opened a restaurant and

soon after went to Cold Springs and dealt in groceries and bakery goods. Later he engaged in business at Washington, remaining three years. He afterwards en-



HENRY SHERMAN

gaged in business in New York and in 1837 went to Milo and disposed of a large stock of goods, mostly on credit. panic of that year brought bankruptcy upon him. He bought on credit \$500 worth of clothing, which he brought to Elgin in a wagon in 1838. Not finding sale for the goods here he went to Mineral Point, where he sold the stock to an advantage. Returning to Chicago and purchasing a stock of merchandise, he went to Fort Madison where he sold them at a profit. He then went to New York and brought his family to Elgin, arriving with but eight cents in his pocket. He set about the work of making a home in the wilds of the west with great success. In 1851 he removed to Elgin and engaged in the drug business, continuing many years. He was also connected with the Home National Bank, was one of the organizers of the Elgin Packing Company. was an original locater and stockholder

of the watch factory. In fact he was prominently identified with nearly every industry of the city. He gave a fine piece of property to the Woman's Club, with which they founded Sherman hospital. Mr. Sherman held many offices of trust and enjoyed the confidence and respect of all. He was for many years Supervisor of the township and was local trustee of the asylum when the buildings were erected. He was prominent in Methodist circles. He died Sept. 18th, 1892, and his demise was sincerely regretted by the entire community.

HON. WM. F. HUNTER.

Wm. F. Hunter has been a business man of Elgin for so many years that any reference to those who have helped make the city what it is would be incomplete



HON. WILLIAM F. HUNTER

with his name omitted. He came from Galiad, Texas, where he first saw the light of day Jan. 1, 1853, and the Lone Star state possesses for him an interest more than passing, as his father was one of the

survivors of the Alamo. Mr. Hunter was but a boy when his parents moved to Elgin, and here the foundation of his education was laid, to be built upon at the University of Michigan. Naturally shrewd and of a business turn, he early embarked in trade for himself, but not until he had served several years in the Elgin watch factory and later in the hardware store of D. F. Barclay. In 1875 he sold furniture and did undertaking, his firm's name being Cornell & Hunter, the partnership continuing until 1881. In 1888 he formed a connection with H. L. Given in the real estate, insurance and loan business, and the firm of Hunter & Given is still rated as one of Elgin's most substantial. With all his business Mr. Hunter has found time to take an active part in politics and his ability as an organizer and manager has on many occasions been recognized. For ten years he served his county on the Board of Supervisors, and was a member of the State Legislature in 1896-7. Besides this he has twice been Postmaster of Elgin. In all of his political life he has shown signal ability and in a Representative capacity has served well his constituents. He was married Nov. 14, 1883, to Mary M. Van Brunt of Adrian, Mich. They have no children. Their home is at 528 Chicago street. Mr. Hunter has not given as much attention to fraternal orders as to politics and business, but he is a member of Lochiel lodge, No. 105, Knights of Pythias.

W. H. CLOUDMAN.

W. H. Cloudman was born in Boston, Mass., in February, 1842. His education was obtained in the public school of Holliston, Mass., and at N. T. Allen's English and Classical School at West Newton, Mass., which he attended for two and one-half years. In 1860 he became an employe of the Waltham Watch Company, leaving in April, 1861, to enlist in

the 16th Mass. Volunteer infantry. He was discharged July, 1864, at the expiration of his term of service, and returned to the watch factory, where he remained one year. From Waltham he went to Memphis, Tenn., where for eight years (with the exception of one year spent at Sacramento and San Francisco, Cal.) he was



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with F. H. Clark & Co., jewelers. He was married in July, 1869, at Memphis, to Miss Jennie Sayers of New Orleans, and since that time has been a resident of Elgin. He has been connected with the Elgin National Watch Company as assistant superintendent since 1878.

Mr. Cloudman is a Mason and also a member of Veteran post, No. 49, G. A. R.

ANSON W. ROOT.

Anson W. Root, one of our best known and most highly respected citizens, is a son of the late Dr. Anson and Lucinda Wilson Root. He was born in Middlebury, Genesee county, New York, December 1982.

ber 20, 1823, and lived upon the farm. He attended the public schools and took a two years' course at the Academy at Wyoming, in that county. In June 1838, he came with his father's family to Illinois. They remained at Batavia for about sixteen months and removed to Elgin in October, 1839. Elgin was then a village of about 150 inhabitants. In 1840 he worked on the raceways then being constructed by the Elgin Hydraulic Company and assisted in the erection of a saw mill, the first in this section. The same year



ANSON W. ROOT

his father erected a carding and cloth dressing works and he learned the clothier's trade, working in the mill and afterwards becoming manager of the business. In 1844 he engaged in the manufacture of plows with Samuel Hunting and later with the late George Renwick. In 1847 he removed to Beloit, Wisconsin, and erected a woolen mill in company with D. L. Bartlett. This he conducted several years and afterwards became a prosperous contractor and builder. In 1867 he returned to Elgin to reside and was engaged in the milling business and the manufacture of plows eighteen years. October 1, 1888,

he retired from the milling pursuits but has since led an active life, erecting houses on his own property, managing his farming lands and attending to his large interests. Despite his long and active career he is hale and hearty. Mr. Root during his entire life took a keen interest in affairs of the nation and state as well as in local events. He is full of civic pride and although he never sought office he, being naturally a leader, has done much for the communities in which he has resided. At Beloit, Wisconsin, he was an Alderman nine years, Assessor eight years, County Supervisor four years, Superintendent of the Poor and under Sheriff. During the civil war he was Special Paymaster, Enrolling Officer and Drafting Officer, Acting Provost Marshal and United States Deputy Marshal. He was also President of the City Council three years.

At Elgin he was Assistant Supervisor three years, Supervisor two years, Assessor three years, and member of the Board of Education. Mr. Root united with the Baptist church in 1850 and was trustee and choir leader many years. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Elizabeth Himes of Iosco, Michigan, near Detroit, whom he married in 1845, who died on April 26, 1856. December 2, 1856, Mr. Root was married to Miss Harriet B. Parmalee of Waterloo, Canada, who died October 9, 1901.

He has been an Odd Fellow fifty-one years. Served in most of the offices. Joined the Free Masons in 1865.

He has three children, William A., a business man in Elgin, Mrs. Ida R. Linkfield and Mrs. Alice M. Woollcott. He resides at Chicago and Geneva streets.

A. M. C. TODSON.

Before locating in Elgin, A. M. C. Todson saw considerable of the world. His native town was Deetzbull, Germany, where he was born in 1833. At the age of

21 he left his fatherland for the land of greater promise, America, and landed at Quebec. Remaining in Canada six months he sought New York state, and half a



A. M. C. TODSON

year later pushed on to Minnesota, in turn going to Missouri, Nebraska and Colorado, bringing up in the latter, then a territory, in 1860. For a time he tried his fortune at mining, but in 1863 he arrived in Illinois. In 1864 he was married to Miss E. A. Sedgwick of Bloomingdale, DuPage county, Ill., and to them were born four children. From 1869 to 1881 he was associated with C. J. Schults, now deceased, in the mercantile business, the firm name being Schults & Todson. Since 1881 Mr. Todson has been engaged in managing creameries, and for the past three years he has also, in company with Marvin C. Parsons, manufactured casket hardware, their factory being at 68 River street, Elgin. In religious belief Mr. Todson is a Universalist, being a member of the First Universalist church. His inquiring turn of mind led him to join the Elgin Scientific Society, of which he is a director, and his creamery business natur-

ally induced him to become a member of the Elgin Board of Trade, of which he has long been an officer. Recently Mr. Todson has become interested in lands in the Canadian Northwest, for which he believes there will be a great future. His residence is at 808 Douglas avenue, Elgin.

A. L. CLARK, M. D.

Among the physicians and surgeons of Elgin none has a more enviable reputation than Dr. A. L. Clark. With possibly one exception he is the oldest practitioner in the city and his name is associated with all that is best and noblest in materia medica. Born at Clarksburg, Mass., Oct. 12, 1836, he came west when a child and has for many years been closely identified with Elgin and her institutions. Dr. Clark's early education was secured in the common schools and his literary alma



DR. A. L. CLARK

mater is Lombard University of Galesburg, Ill. From there he went to the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, O., where he received his degree of M. D.

His initial practice was in 1861 as a partner of Dr. G. B. Christy at Franklin Grove, Ill., where he remained about a year, when he came to Elgin, which place he has since been proud to call his home. The civil war had gotten under headway when Dr. Clark moved to this city, and filled with enthusiasm for the union cause and with love for his profession he became an army surgeon and saw much of duty among the wearers of the blue on southern battlefields and in southern hospitals. Returning to Elgin he resumed his practice, and all the years intervening to the present time his name has been a synonym in the profession for the highest culture and the most advanced knowledge. the dean of Bennett Medical College, Chicago, for many years he has given diplomas and counsel to thousands of young men and women who engaged in healing the ill. His family consists of a wife and one son, the son being at the head of a large clock manufactory in Connecticut. Not only is Dr. Clark eminent as a physician, but he is high in the ranks of Masonry and is a valued comrade of Veteran post, No. 49, G. A. R., and of Illinois Commandery, Loyal Legion. His Masonic connections are with Elgin lodge, No. 117, A. F. and A. M., Loyal L. Munn Chapter, R. A. M., and Bethel Commandery, Knights Templar. He was for many years President of the Elgin Board of Education and has held other offices, all of which he has filled with honor and credit. He is much in demand as a speaker in the societies of which he is a member. His residence, as for many years, is 106 Spring street.

REV. JOHN J. McCANN.

Rev. John J. McCann, the present pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, is the tenth pastor, appointed at a competitive examination at the Cathedral residence, Chicago, in 1899, and assumed charge of the parish on December 24, 1899. Father

McCann was born at Providence, Rhode Island, October 25, 1862. He attended the public schools of Aurora, Ill., to which town his parents moved in 1866. In 1877 he entered St. Viateur's College, Bourbonnois, Ill., where he remained for five years. Also at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, finishing his clerical course there January 6, 1888, on which date he was ordained by His Eminence, Cardinal Gibbons. Father McCann organized the first Catholic congregation and built the



REV. J. J. McCANN

first Catholic Church at Byron, Illinois, in 1895. He also built the handsome brick church at Polo, Ill. Both churches were paid for in one year. He greatly improved the churches at Oregon and Ashton and purchased a cemetery in Byron. Mary's parish in Elgin is one of the irremovable rectorships of the Chicago archdiocese. Its rector is appointed for life, and has a vote in the selection of candidates for the archbishopric. To secure the position a competitive examination is held. The examination for Elgin was held in the Cathedral residence, Chicago, on December 15, 1899, where Father McCann received his appointment. His first public service was held on Sunday, December 24, following.

Since assuming his charge he has finished the church and made various improvements and has lately purchased St. Mary's Academy and a nineteen acre cemetery. No man has labored more diligently than Father McCann. The real pleasure of life after all is in the well rounding it out in whatever station it may be; in following a reasonable ambition, and in the strict discharge of every duty.

CAPTAIN LEVERETT M. KELLEY.

Captain Leverett M. Kelley, so well known in connection with the history of Elgin and Kane county, was born in Sche-



CAPT. LEVERETT M. KELLEY

nectady, New York, September 28, 1841, and is of Scotch-Irish, Dutch and American ancestry.

In 1845, when about four years old, his father, John Kelley, removed to Illinois with a family of eight children, a small

amount of money and a full share of that indomitable energy that characterized the early pioneers. He settled upon a farm in the town of Rutland, near Pingree Grove, and here the subject of this sketch went to the district school until old enough to take his part in the work of the farm. When he was about 18 he took a course of study in the Elgin Academy and then, in 1860-1 attended Beloit College. Like so many thousands of the young students of that strenuous time his pursuit of education was interrupted by the call to arms in defense of his country, and, after helping to get in the harvest, he enlisted in July, 1861, as a private in Co. A, 36th Illinois infantry.

He served with distinguished gallantry through the War of the Rebellion, participating in all the battles and skirmishes of that famous fighting regiment, which lost more men in action than any other Illinois organization, and stands number 39 in the 45 regiments of the whole army which had the heaviest losses during the war. He was in the battle of Pea Ridge, Perrysville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Kenesaw Mountain, Dalton, Peach Tree Creek, Lovejoy Station, Jonesboro, Columbia, Spring Hill, Franklin and Nashville. For distinguished and meritorious service he has received a Medal of Honor from the War Department. He rose through all the grades of corporal, sergeant and lieutenant to captain of his company, and was mustered out as such with the regiment in October, 1865.

His military career ended, Captain Kelley entered upon the pursuits of civil life by teaching school in 1865-6. He was married in 1867 and in 1868 was elected Sheriff of the county. After his term had expired he went into the drug business in Elgin and continued operating his farm at Pingree. In 1874 he was again elected Sheriff and about this time he put up two fine business buildings in Elgin, the Kelley Hotel, which he has recently dis-

posed of to Mr. Frank Lasher, and the one now occupied by Mr. William Hart's drug store. In 1878 he was appointed Indian agent at Standing Rock and Los Pinos agencies. After consummating an important treaty with the Indian tribes of the latter reservation he resigned and returned to Elgin. In 1884 he was elected a delegate to the National Republican convention that nominated Blaine and Logan.

In 1889 he was appointed Chief of Division in the Pension Bureau at Washington, serving four years and until the change of administration by Cleveland's election. Captain Kelley then returned to Illinois and engaged in farming and other business enterprises until his appointment in 1897 as Deputy Commissioner of Pensions, an office which he still fills most acceptably to the government and to the entire satisfaction of the old soldiers whose pension claims may require his supervision.

JOSEPH NEWMAN.

Joseph Newman was born May 10, 1854, at Bishop Stortford, Hertfordshire, England, and attended the public schools of his native place until twelve years of age. He was employed by Arthur Boardman, a bookseller, publisher and printer from 1866 to 1869. He then removed to Chicago, Illinois, where he accepted a position with Norton & Co., remaining until the Chicago fire. He then came to Elgin, where he was connected with the First National Bank until he resigned his position to engage in the creamery business and later as partner with his brother, Newman, in the Springbrook Creamery business under the firm name of the John Newman Company, of Elgin. Mr. Newman takes a lively interest in public affairs and he has acceptably filled the position of member of the Library Board. He is a member of the Universalist church and moderator of the society, is a director of the Illinois State Farmers' Institute and devotes a good deal of his time in aiding and developing the dairy side of agriculture. Mr. Newman was elected President of the Illinois Dairymen's Association in 1900, a position that he still holds with credit not only to himself but to the dairymen that he represents.



JOSEPH NEWMAN

He was married to Winna S., daughter of the late Rev. W. S. Balch, at Dubuque, Iowa, May 21, 1879. They have five children: Balch W., Mary E., Winna Louise, Margaret and Robert Thurgood. Their home is at 120 North Jackson street.

JUDGE JOHN H. WILLIAMS.

Judge John H. Williams comes from hardy, heroic and indomitable Welsh Quaker ancestry. He was born in Waushara county, Wis., and is the son of a Welsh Congregational minister. His boyhood was spent at Big Rock in this county, where he attended the district school, afterwards graduating from the West Au-

rora high school. The following three years he taught school and afterwards completed the course and graduated from the law department of the State Univer-

Lloyd, Ruth and Grace. He is a member of the A. F. and A. M. and resides at 627 Douglas avenue.



JUDGE JOHN H. WILLIAMS

sity of Iowa, at Iowa City, in the class of 1880. In 1882 he engaged in the practice of law in this city and soon acquired a lucrative law practice and the good will and esteem of the people of this city.

Mr. Williams has taken a reasonably active interest in the public affairs appertaining to the growth and progress of our city. He served one term as City Treasurer and afterwards served three terms in the City Council as the representative of the first ward. A year ago he was the republican nominee for Probate Judge, which is one of the most responsible positions in the county. He was elected and has filled the office most satisfactorily. In 1885 he was married to Miss Mary E. Foss, of Campton, daughter of the late Eben Foss, who was a pioneer settler of this county. They have three sons and two daughters, Howard, Clarence and

DR. DWIGHT E. BURLINGAME.

Dr. Dwight E. Burlingame is one of the most prominent and successful physicians and surgeons of Elgin, his office being at his beautiful home at No. 18 Villa street. He was born in Adams, Berkshire county, Massachusetts, June 8, 1844, and is a son of Daniel Fenner and Mary A. Mason Burlingame, also natives of the old Bay State. After attending the public schools of his native state for some time he graduated from the high school in 1865, after which he entered the medical department of the Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill., and graduated in 1869 with the degree of M. D. The following year he opened an office in Elgin



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at his present location and has always been a progressive physician, constantly improving on his own and others' methods and gaining further encouragement and

inspiration from the performance of each day's duties. In 1892 he crossed the ocean and visited the hospitals in Europe, especially those of Berlin and Paris, gaining much useful and practical knowledge. Although engaged in general practice he makes a specialty of surgery and is recognized as one of the most skilled surgeons in northern Illinois. At present and for some years he has been a member of the surgical staff of Sherman Hospital, Elgin, Ill. He is also a member of the Fox River Medical Society, Illinois State Medical Society, and American Medical Association. In 1872 he was united in marriage with Sarah A. Winchester of Elgin.

CARLOS H. SMITH.

Carlos H. Smith entered the employ of the Elgin National Watch Company when it was not far removed from its infancy,



CARLOS H. SMITH

and when he had just passed out of his teens. So faithful was he in the discharge of every duty to which he was assigned that promotion was rapid and for nearly three decades he has paid off the busy workers in that great hive, whose annual distribution in the form of wages reaches enormous proportions, told in seven figures.

Born at Lake Geneva, Wis., Feb. 10, 1849, he lost as little time as possible in getting to Elgin, and the next year found him a resident of what was destined to be his home for many years, if not during his lifetime. He attended the Elgin high school, and in 1867-8 was a clerk in the postoffice during the administration of the late George B. Raymond. In those early years he manifested a taste for newspaper work, and copies still preserved of an ambitious weekly sheet which he issued indicate that had he decided to follow the journalistic profession he would have made his mark.

However, he was destined for another position in life. He commenced work in 1869 as an accountant in the office of the watch factory, and in 1876 he became cashier, also having for many years the management of the company's large boarding establishment known as the National house.

He was married Dec. 28, 1870, to Harriet Gosselin, and to them were born four children, one of whom, Mrs. H. W. Adams, Jr., is living. His home is at 392 Raymond street. He is a member of Monitor lodge, No. 522, A. F. and A. M.

GEORGE BROWN RICHARDSON.

George Brown Richardson was born in Linden, Vermont, May 3, 1842, and died in Elgin, Ill., Oct. 13, 1903. Between these points of time a busy and eventful life was crowded. Of good Puritan and Revolutionary stock Mr. Richardson inherited many of the traits of ancestry and developed characteristics in the broad, free west which made him successful in the business world. At an early age he came west and after four years of work

on a farm was apprenticed to the printers' trade in Peru, Ill. Two years more of life found him in busy, pushing Chicago, working at and perfecting his chosen



GEORGE BROWN RICHARDSON

trade. At eighteen years of age he joined the Union League and soon became an active member of the famous Ellsworth Zouaves. Intensely loyal he naturally gravitated to the Union army and becoming a member of Co. F, 134th Ill. Vol. Inft., remained with his company till incapacitated for military service. Returning home in a little while he became a part owner of the Woodstock, Ill., Sentinel and successfully published the paper for four years. Purchasing the Clinton, Ill., Public after leaving Woodstock, Mr. Richardson developed the paper till it became a success. In 1871, after the Chicago fire, he came to Chicago and established a printing office. Here he remained for several years, selling out to devote his life to a work he had long had in mind—the business of manager in publishing establishments.

This work he followed in Boston, New York and Chicago till some fourteen years

ago, when he became connected with the David C. Cook Publishing house in Elgin as general superintendent. To this work he brought a wide experience, determined will and clear ideas. All his intense energies were freely given to the work. As his plans became evident his employer bestowed confidence until in time a complete entente cordiale existed between the two men, each possessing marked peculiarities.

In his home life Mr. Richardson was tender and affectionate; in public life intelligent and active; in his shop life one who while demanding a strict interpretation of duty was always considerate. Generous and charitable, strictly honorable in dealing with men, Mr. Richardson will long be remembered by acquaintances, friends and employes as a Man.

HENRY I. BOSWORTH.

Henry I. Bosworth is the youngest son of the late Increase C. Bosworth and was



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born at Dundee September 10, 1854. He attended the public schools of this city where he has resided since 1867, and also

the Elgin Academy, afterwards graduating from the University of Chicago. Mr. Bosworth's entire business career has been in connection with the First National Bank of Elgin, of which he is Second Vice President. He is a popular young man in business and social life and has large business and farming interests outside of his connection with the First National Bank. Mr. Bosworth is unmarried and resides at 155 South Gifford street.

DR. FRANK S. WHITMAN.

Dr. Frank S. Whitman, the head of one of the largest institutions for the treatment and cure of the insane in this country, is a native of Illinois. He was



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born at Belvidere, Boone county, Sept. 27, 1849. He grew up amid the surroundings of this pretty little city, attending the public schools, and in due time becoming enrolled as a student at the University of Chicago, where he made an excellent record. He matriculated at

Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago, and completed with honor the full course. On receiving his diploma he returned to his home city, and there established what became an extensive practice of medicine and surgery, covering a period of twentyseven years. On the 12th of January, 1899, he was appointed superintendent of the Illinois Northern Hospital for the Insane, a position which he still holds, although since his appointment the state administration has changed. Dr. Whitman has by his conservative management made it a success not only from a professional but a business standpoint, and the Northern institution is pointed to as a model of its kind. His residence, of course, is at the hospital. He has a wife, but no children.

FRED H. ACKEMANN.

Fred H. Ackemann was born February 2, 1869, at Winzlar, Province of Hanover, Germany, where he attended the public schools and afterwards a private school at Pr. Oldendorf, Westphalia. After leaving school in Germany he entered the government service in the postal department. In November, 1887, he came to America, where he commenced work in the dry goods store of his brother, W. D. Ackemann, where he remained three months, when he was offered and accepted a position in the real estate office of William Grote, where he has since remained associated with Mr. Grote in his real estate business. Although devoting nearly all of his time to the real estate business he became interested with his brothers, Henry and Conrad, in the undertaking business in 1893 and in 1894 with his brother Henry erected the large business block known as the Ackemann Bros. department store. The following year he joined in the consolidation of the furniture and dry goods and other business interests of the Ackemann Bros.,

forming "The Big Store." Mr. Ackemann is also interested in The Courier Publishing Company and is its Vice President. He is also the Treasurer of the



FRED H. ACKEMANN

Elgin National Gas and Oil Company, and is a director and the Treasurer of the Seybold Reed-Pipe Organ Company. He acts in the capacity of General Manager. He is a director of the Gail Borden Public Library and in politics is an active Republican. During the last presidential campaign he was Treasurer of the German American Republican club.

Mr. Ackemann was married in 1895 to Miss Christie Deuchler, of Dundee, Ill. They have four children: Stella Irene, Walter Frederich, Helen Wilhelmine and George William. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of Monitor lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 522, Loyal L. Munn chapter; Bethel Commandery, No. 36, and Oriental Consistory, of Chicago. He is also a member of the Royal League and the Knights of the Globe. He has a pleasant home at 802 Douglas avenue.

DR. H. K. WHITFORD.

Henry Krykendall Whitford was born in Medina, Ohio, February 9, 1829. When a boy his great ambition in life was to become a doctor. This alone made him diligent at school and at home, where he would read and study at all possible hours. It was his studious hours which made him as a boy called puny. His studious habits had prepared him when a mere youth to commence teaching school, and for some vears he followed it, at the same time reading medicine and in vacation time could be found in the various offices of physicians. The doctor has now reached that eminent success in life when these reminiscences of days in which it was a severe struggle return to his recollection like a rather pleasant dream. He has long been a resident of Elgin and occupies the professor's chair of principle and practice of medicine, pathology and clinic



DR. H. K. WHITFORD

medicine in Bennett Medical College of Chicago, and during that time has not neglected his large and lucrative practice in Elgin. The doctor is a physician in whom the best people of his acquaintance put implicit confidence, and wherever known is held in highest esteem. He has invested largely in Elgin city property and has erected some handsome buildings. In social and public life he and his family are most highly esteemed.

WILLIAM HART.

William Hart has been engaged in the drug trade so long in Elgin that his name is a synonym for reliability and honest



WILLIAM HART

dealing, and Elgin without "Hart's Drug Store" would seem like a strange town. While Mr. Hart believes in advertising his wares he is modest when it comes to relating his own history. He was born at Johnstown, Montgomery county, N. Y., and attended the schools of Dunkirk, that state. His first business connection was as the junior partner, in 1874, in the Elgin drug firm of Kelley & Hart, which he succeeded many years ago. He does business at 154 Chicago street, but resides at 638 Douglas avenue, his family

consisting of a wife and four children. With respect to lodges, he is a member of but one, Monitor lodge, No. 522, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons. He is one of the substantial business men of Elgin, a home man, preferring the quiet of the family circle to the excitements of the political arena or the attraction of fraternal organizations.

SAMUEL W. CHAPMAN.

Samuel W. Chapman was born at Wyoming, New York, September 9, 1843, and came to Kane county with his parents at an early age. He attended the district schools of Plato township and graduated from Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin. He was cashier in the office of the American and U. S. express companies at Burlington, Iowa, from 1862 to 1865, and afterwards entered the employ of the Mc-Cormick Harvester Company, becoming general agent and serving in that capacity from 1878 to 1893. In the latter year he engaged in the agricultural implement, carriage, wagon, and sleigh business at 26 to 32 River street, where he enjoys an exensive trade. Mr. Chapman was Postmaster from 1894 to 1898. He is one of the public spirited business men of the city and has done much for the welfare of Elgin. He is a member of Monitor lodge, A. F. & A. M. He resides in a modern home with his wife at 753 Highland avenue.

C. W. GLOVER.

C. W. Glover, who has been identified with Elgin's manufacturing interests for eight years, is a native of Indiana, having been born at Jeffersonville, July 13, 1865. His education was acquired at the public schools. His business connections have been with the Louisville Coffin Company, Louisville, Ky.; W. H. Hutchinson & Co.,

Rochester, N. Y., the Elgin Silver Plate Company, Elgin, Ill., and the Elgin Box Company, which he established a few years ago, and which has grown into an



C. W. GLOVER

industry of considerable proportions. It occupies quarters at 66-68 River street, and bids fair within a few years to become one of Elgin's leading manufactories.

Mr. Glover became a resident of New Albany, Ind., in 1866, removed to Louisville, Ky., in 1881, and came to Elgin in 1895. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, is married and has one daughter, and has a pleasant home at 386 Chicago street.

DR. J. A. RUTLEDGE.

J. A. Rutledge, M. D., is a Missourian by birth, the city of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition being his native place. He was born in St. Louis in 1861. He was not far advanced in years when he transferred his affections to Rockford, Ill., and he grew to manhood in the beau-

tiful Forest City on the Rock River. Here he attended the high school and business college. From here he went to Rush Medical College, Chicago, after completing the prescribed course there, entering the Chicago Post Graduate College. His foundation for the practice of medicine and surgery was thoroughly laid, and he opened an office in Fairdale, Ill., and finally in Elgin, his present office being in the Spurling.

Dr. Rutledge has for years taken a great interest in secret and fraternal organizations. He is a member of the Elks, Masons (including Knights Templar), Knights of Pythias, Court of Honor and Modern Woodmen of America. In the last named he is especially prominent by reason of his election during the past summer to the office of head physician for the state of Illinois. He began his duties as such on the 15th of



DR. J. A. RUTLEDGE

July, 1903. Owing to his popularity his friends believe he no doubt will hold the place for many years. On the admittance of Chicago to the Woodmen rights

and privileges Dr. Rutledge was honored by having the first camp named for him.

Dr. Rutledge, of course, is a member of professional orders—the Fox River Valley Medical Association, American Medical Society, and Illinois State Medical Society. He resides at 116 Center street, where his entire family consists of a charming wife.

C. DALLAS MONROE.

C. Dallas Monroe, superintendent of the Illinois Creamery Company of Elgin, was born in Hazletown township, Shiawassee county, Michigan, June 1, 1875.



C. DALLAS MONROE

After obtaining a practical education in the public schools of Owosso, Mich., he started upon his business career.

In March, 1896, he was called to Chicago by the company with which he is now connected to perfect a system for reworking country butter to convert it into creamery butter; having succeeded in this he came to Elgin in June, 1896, drew the plans and superintended the construction

of their present plant in which they convert thirty thousand pounds of butter into creamery butter in a single day. Their product is shipped all over the world, business increasing steadily each year. The idea of reworking butter is not original with Mr. Monroe, but the peculiar method which he employs is his invention and is a great success.

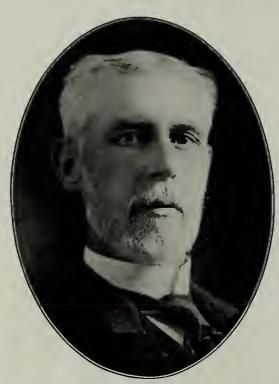
Mr. Monroe married the daughter of M. A. Parks of Owosso, Mich., and resides at 712 St. Charles street, Elgin, Ill. He is a Mason, a member of the Century Club of Elgin, and is a wide-awake young business man of sound judgment and progressive ideas.

J. B. ROACH.

J. B. Roach is the efficient superintendent of the Cutter & Crossette Shirt factories. It is in this line of business that Mr. Roach has been especially successful, because, after attending the parochial and public schools of Cincinnati, O., where he was born, in 1856, he turned his attention to shirt making and knows it from beginning to end. Not only that, but he realizes that labor, rightly used, with short hours, is much more profitable than under the old plan of long days and exacting conditions. He is a strong advocate of organized labor, and stands high in the ranks of unionists of Elgin. He favors short hours and good wages, believing more can be accomplished in a week of 52 hours than in one of 60. When he came to Elgin twelve years ago, ten hours constituted a Conditions have changed day's work. and a good deal of credit for this is freely accorded Mr. Roach.

The business connections of Mr. Roach may be briefly related. He has been connected with shirt manufacturing practically all his life. He was with the St. Louis branch house of Wilson Bros. for five years; the Castle Shirt Company of

Chicago ten years. For the past twelve years in Elgin as general superintendent. Both the Cutter & Crossette factories be-



J. B. ROACH

ing under his supervision demonstrates that he is the right man for the position.

As a lodge man Mr. Roach is identified with the Knights of Pythias, Royal Arcanum and Elks. His home is at 1121 Morton avenue, his family consisting of a wife and eight children, all grown.

JOHN M. BLACKBURN.

John M. Blackburn is recognized as one of Elgin's best business men. He is at the head of an institution—the Elgin Silver Plate Company—whose products, principally coffin hardware, go into all parts of the land and have a reputation that makes a more enduring hold each year on the company's customers. His long connection with this line of manufacture gives him perfect familiarity with every detail. He is a native of Cleveland, O., having been born there Jan. 29, 1858.

His present home is a beautiful residence at 22 North Liberty street, Elgin.

As a boy Mr. Blackburn attended the Cleveland public schools and followed this instruction by an academic course. His first business connection was with the Meriden Britannia Company, of Meriden, Conn., from Jan. 1, 1878, to 1883. Then he left to go with the Meriden Silver Plate Company, Toronto, Ont., where he was from 1883 to 1889; the Wilcox Silver Plate Company, Meriden, Conn., 1889 to 1890; Griffin Silver Plate Company, Chicago, 1890 to 1892, and the Elgin Silver Plate Company, 1892 to the present time. The enterprise of which he is the head is one of the recognized factors of Elgin's industrial life, and the chief industry in the western portion of the city. It employs a large force all the year.

In addition to his duties at the factory Mr. Blackburn finds time to take an ac-



JOHN M. BLACKBURN

tive interest in Elgin's park system, as he is one of the city's park commissioners. He gives considerable attention to ways and means for extending and beautifying

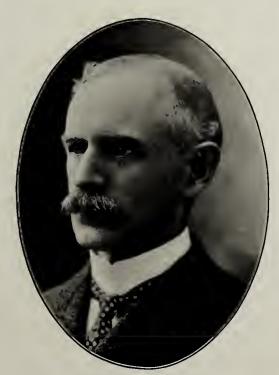
the "breathing spots" of the city, one of which in particular—Lord's park—has a name that reaches beyond the state limits.

Was a member of the Board of Education for three years, a director of the Gail Borden Public Library for three years, two of which he was President of the Board, and is one of the present Board of Trustees of the Elgin Academy.

Mr. Blackburn is connected with the Modern Woodmen and Knights of the Globe. He has a wife and four children.

ANDREW C. HAWKINS.

Andrew C. Hawkins, Assistant Cashier of the First National Bank of Elgin and Cashier of the Elgin City Banking Company, was born at Toronto, Canada, July 3rd, 1848. He came to Elgin when a young man and his first business connection was with the First National Bank,



ANDREW C. HAWKINS

where he commenced as a clerk thirtyseven years ago and has remained until the present time. He is the oldest living banker in the city. Mr. Hawkins was formerly a member of the City Council and has always taken an interest in public affairs. He was married to Alice, daughter of the late Horace French, and has five sons. He resides at 409 Chicago street.

G. V. DICKINSON.

G. V. Dickinson holds a responsible position in the office of the Elgin National Watch Company. He has worked his



G. V. DICKINSON

way up to his present position by a worthy ambition, and his abilities have met prompt recognition.

Mr. Dickinson was born at Dayton, Ohio, and learned the watchmaker's trade with Dr. Geo. Cross of Chester, Pa. His watch factory experience was begun Jan. 4, 1880, with the Lancaster Watch Company, and from there he went to Waltham, Mass., where he was employed by the American Waltham Watch Company. He came to the Elgin National Watch Company Dec. 5, 1885, and after eighteen months' time spent in the factory went

upon the road, being very successful as an agent. He entered the Chicago office of the company in October, 1893, succeeding to his present position of General Agent in 1901.

On June 5, 1895, he was married to Miss Belle W. Cloudman, daughter of W. H. Cloudman, assistant superintendent of the watch factory. They reside in Chicago.

CHARLES L. ABBOTT.

Charles L. Abbott, the well known attorney, whose offices are in the Home Bank block, is essentially a self made man.



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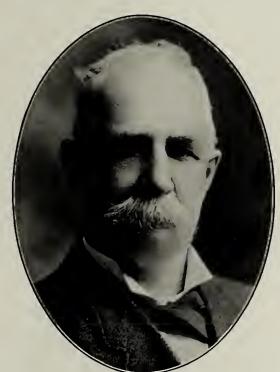
He was born in Elgin in 1865 and has always considered Elgin a good enough place for him. Here he has been honored by office, and he has graced with ability those places to which he has been called. Unlike many persons who have risen by their own efforts to positions once deemed by them almost unattainable, Mr. Abbott does not belittle the stepping stones to his present station, but delights to recall inci-

dents of the days when as a fireman (during which time in his leisure hours he was poring over volumes of Blackstone), he ran with the boys, or when, still earlier, he did much with the painters' brush to improve the homes of many of Elgin's residents. His legal education was gained by hard study and close application, but so thorough was it that the people of Elgin recognized his worthiness by electing him City Attorney in 1897, the year after his admission to the bar. He served one term in this capacity, discharging his duties to the general satisfaction, and afterwards was chosen Alderman from the sixth ward. He was not idle when a member of the City Council, and he left his impress on many of the measures that were engrossed on the municipal statute books. He was prominently mentioned for Mayor on the expiration of his term as Alderman, but declined to become a candidate. When W. J. Tyers of Aurora was elected State's Attorney for Kane county he appointed Mr. Abbott his assistant for the northern part of the territory, and no closer attention to criminal matters was ever given in Elgin and vicinity than Mr. Abbott has paid. It is common belief that this ability in the discharge of his duties is bound to be recognized by a call to higher ones in the near future. As a member of the Knights of Pythias Mr. Abbott has made his individuality felt, as he has many times been sent to the grand lodge as representative, and his reports have been models of clearness. His eloquence on the platform is evidenced by the fact that as an after-dinner orator he is in great demand, and no Pythian gathering is complete without his presence.

GEORGE S. CHISHOLM.

George S. Chisholm was born in Wisconsin and is a son of the late Robert B. Chisholm, who formerly resided at the present site of the Illinois Northern Hospital for the Insane. He attended the El-

gin Academy and was for several years engaged in the grocery business on Douglas avenue. During later years he has devoted his time to the real estate and min-



GEORGE S. CHISHOLM

ing business, and is one of the best posted investment miners in the west. He recently organized the New Century Paving Company, with offices at 15 Sherwin block. The company is engaged in the putting in of asphalt pavement on Grove avenue in this city, and has other large contracts. He is married and has five children. His home, which is most spacious and complete, is at 306 Spring street. Mr. Chisholm is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity.

JAMES M. KIMBALL.

James M. Kimball was born in Groton, Grafton county, New Hampshire, Oct. 2, 1828. He died in Elgin April 19, 1898, his residence at that time being No. 454 Spring street.

Mr. Kimball came to Elgin with his father in 1834, when but 6 years of age. He attended the public schools of Elgin, and his first efforts at gaining a liveli-

hood were on the Chicago Democrat, which was published by John Wentworth. After leaving that paper he became an auctioneer and commission merchant, and for many years there was scarcely a sale, farm or other kind, that was not conducted by Mr. Kimball. His acquaintance among the farmers became very extensive. He was at one time engaged in the boot and shoe business with Charles O'Connell, the firm name being Kimball & O'Connell. In 1882 he established the furniture business which still bears his name.

He was a staunch Republican, a man of strong convictions, and fearless in expressing them. In the early seventies he was a Deputy Sheriff of Kane county.



JAMES M. KIMBALL

Surviving him are a widow and three children, the latter being Monte J., William D., and C. Gertrude.

D. R. JENCKS.

D. R. Jencks' name is one of the best known in Elgin and along the Fox river for miles. He is a product of Adams, Berkshire county, Mass., where he was born Oct. 13, 1837. His education was acquired in the district school at Dundee, Ill., and at Drury Academy, North Adams, Mass. He was but four years of age when he came to Dundee, and there



D. R. JENCKS

and in Elgin the greater part of his life has been spent. His first business venture was as a member of the firm of Oatman & Jencks, drugs and groceries, Dundee. Then followed Jencks & Hall, Dundee, dry goods and general merchandise, and D. R. Jencks, shoes, clothing and furnishing goods. He came to Elgin in 1874, and for years the general insurance firm of D. R. Jencks & Son was one of the most prominent here.

Mr. Jencks was for thirteen years an active member of the Elgin City Council, but for some time has been living a retired life at 273 Dundee avenue, Elgin. He is a widower, having one child. He is a charter member of the state organization of the Sons of the American Revolution.

FRED H. RAYMOND.

Fred H. Raymond is a native of Philadelphia, Pa., where he was born March

29, 1867. Since 1899 he has been a practicing attorney at law and his career from the age of accountability to the present time is an illustration of what one may accomplish if he has push and determination. Left fatherless at the age of six months, he was brought to Elgin by his mother, who shortly after arrival married Joseph Losee of Woodstock, Ill. At Woodstock Raymond spent his boyhood days, living on a farm and going to the public school. At the age of 17 he went to Kansas, and from there to New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and Utah, returning to Elgin in 1886. Entering the



FRED H. RAYMOND

watch factory he remained till the spring of 1893, when he was for a short time engaged in the oil business.

In 1893-4 he attended a night school, and late in '94 lived at Woodstock, traveling for a piano house. Returning to Elgin in 1895 he continued on the road until winter, when he resumed his studies, and in 1896 entered F. W. Joslyn's law office as a student. In 1899 he was admitted to the bar and soon became a member of the firm of Joslyn, Schultz &

Raymond, later Joslyn & Raymond, so continuing until 1903. In May, 1902, Mr. Raymond began practicing in Chicago as a member of the firm of Joslyn & Raymond, the firm having offices in Elgin and Chicago, and on May 1, 1903, the partnership was dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. Raymond continuing in Chicago, where he enjoys a good practice.

Dec. 6, 1886, he married Mary Mc-Queeny of Elgin. They have three sons. He is a charter member of Elgin lodge of Elks, and was elected exalted ruler in the spring of 1903, retaining the office to the present time. Aug. 12, 1903, he was a delegate from the Elgin lodge to the Elks convention at Bloomington, and was chosen Treasurer of the Illinois Elks Association which office he still holds.

HENRY MUNTZ.

Alderman Henry Muntz has for many years been considered one of the solid



HENRY MUNTZ

business men of Elgin. For over thirty years he has been connected with the saddlery and harness business, which he began in a modest way, but which, by honest and able management, has expanded until, under the title of the Elgin Saddlery and Harness Company, it has done much to make the city's name known throughout the land. Mr. Muntz was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, and came to this country when young enough to attend school, which he did in Elgin. His connection with the saddlery business dates from 1868. At his factory, a large building, Nos. 150 to 160 Brook street, everything in the harness line, and in addition trunks, suit cases, satchels, etc., are manufactured. Over a score of men in the factory and three on the road constitute his present force of assistants. Mr. Muntz resides at 624 Douglas avenue, his family consisting of wife and three children. He is a member of the I. O. T. and German Benevolent Society, and also finds time to look conscientiously after the interests of his ward in the City Council, where he is now serving his first term.

WILLIAM GEORGE PRALL.

Wm. Geo. Prall, of the main office of the Elgin National Watch Company, is a native of the village of Hadlow, in the county of Kent, England, noted, it is said, for its hops and pretty girls. The fascination of the latter for him, from which to take his word for it, he has never recovered, causes his friends to wonder how he ever happened to leave "Merrie England," but if he had not done so the watch company would not for many years have had his efficient services—at least, not in the capacity of Secretary.

Mr. Prall's early business experiences were with large mercantile houses of London, and when, in May, 1871, he came to Chicago, those experiences well fitted him for employment with the Elgin company, which was secured through letters of introduction from London houses that gave him an acquaintance with the then general agent, Major D. W. Whittle. From September of that year dates his connec-

tion with the company, in the Chicago office. The office force at that time consisted of five persons, and Mr. Prall was expected to perform all the work of the



WILLIAM GEORGE PRALL

place that was not done by the secretary or the office boy. Good resulted from his versatile efforts, as he gained a general idea of the business of the company that has during the succeeding years been invaluable.

One year and a month after the beginning of his service for the company occurred the great Chicago fire, and he saw destroyed in a few hours a city that was rebuilt on a scale much grander than had been dreamed of.

Mr. Prall, who from 1879 had been acting as Secretary Pro Tem of the company, was in June, 1884, elected Secretary, and in that capacity has demonstrated a peculiar fitness that is a cause for congratulation on the part of the company and himself.

FRANK W. JOSLYN.

Frank W. Joslyn is a product of Elgin and was born in this city April 27, 1860.

He received his education at the public schools and Elgin Academy. He studied for the law in the office of his father, the late Col. Edward S. Joslyn, and with Hon. Henry B. Willis, and like his father, relied on his own energies, pluck and perseverance in making his way in the world. His first partnership was with his father and he added materially to the strength and ability of the firm. He afterwards formed a partnership with Clarence Lawson and during the past few years has conducted his large practice alone. Mr. Joslyn was twice elected City Attorney, was Prosecuting Attorney and County Attorney for eight years, Master-in-Chancery of City Court for eieven years, serving in all capacities with honor and distinction. In the court room he is a for-



FRANK W. JOSLYN

midable opponent and he has had charge of many celebrated cases. Mr. Joslyn has an office over the First National Bank. His wife was Miss Carrie Mead and is prominent in musical and social circles. They have a son, Paul M., now nine years old, and reside in a handsome home at 640

East View street. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., Woodmen, Elks, Knights of Pythias, Court of Honor, National Union and Archaean Union.

THOMAS McBRIDE, SR.

Thomas McBride, Sr., who was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, March 6, 1810, and died in Elgin May 6, 1888, after a brief illness, was a striking example of the energy and thrift of the pioneer settlers who contributed so largely toward the upbuilding of the great northwest. An account of his life is an illustration of what determination and ability can accomplish.

Mr. McBride was of Scotch-Irish ancestry. His boyhood was spent on the farm and he obtained such an education as the country afforded. He early began to trade, buying produce of farmers and shipping it to Liverpool and other markets. A few years after his marriage to Rebecca Robinson, in 1846, he came with his family, wife and two sons, David S. and Henry, direct to Elgin, arriving in 1850. This place was at that time the western terminus of the Galena & Chicago Union Railway.

During the first two years after arrival here he sold osage orange plants to farmers, and it is worthy of note that many of the hedges then planted are still in good condition. His next enterprise was the grain and produce business, buying from the farmers and shipping to the Chicago In 1855 he added to his lines market. lumber, coal, lime and salt, and also conducted a dairy. F. L. McClure, now deceased, was his only competitor at that time in dairying. From 1852 till 1864, before the dairy interest had approximated its present greatness, Kane county and vicinity were noted for grain production. It was not an uncommon sight to see from ten to twenty wagon loads of grain and other produce arriving from the country during the harvest season, on every road leading to Elgin, and bidding by buyers was lively. Among the grain dealers of that period were James T. Gifford, Michael and John Dougherty, George P. Harvey, Wm. Wambusch and others.

Mr. McBride's office and warehouse occupied the present site of McBride block, on Douglas avenue. Its railroad facilities were unexcelled, and the bins were so arranged that by simply pulling a slide a car could be loaded with grain every thirty minutes. His lumber and dairy yards were on Dexter avenue, now Brook street, the site being purchased by him in 1855. In 1858 he acquired the land now occupied by the Elgin and Knickerbocker Ice companies, platting and sub-dividing it fourteen years later. In 1860-2 he purchased land in the northern part of the city on which are located the Illinois Watch Case factory, the Columbia school, etc. Upon this land he erected a home, commodious in those days, in which he resided from 1870 until the time of his death.

About the year 1861 he embarked in the grocery business, employing A. Harpending, now of Udina, as superintendent. He sold out after a short time to Gilman Merrill. During these years he shipped cattle and hogs from northern Iowa and southern Minnesota to Chicago, and at the distillery of Lawrence, Maloney & Co. he fattened hundreds of cattle for the same market.

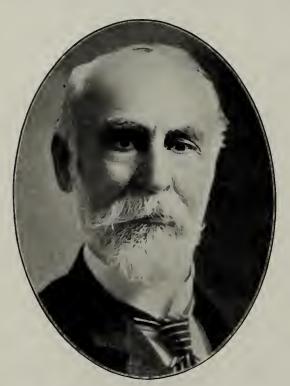
Not until 1877 did he retire from active business, and was succeeded by his sons, David S. and Thomas, Jr.

Mr. McBride's family consisted of his wife, who is still living in Elgin, five sons and two daughters, as follows: Thomas, Jr., Mrs. Rebecca M. B. Gilbert, Mrs. Mary J. Fuller and David S., all of Elgin; Henry and John, of Chicago. Another son, William, died in infancy.

Mr. McBride was a public spirited man and always took a lively interest in affairs pertaining to the city and county. Politics, however, had no attraction for him, as his time was fully occupied by his various businesses. He was one of the early subscribers to the stock of the Elgin Academy, the Elgin Agricultural Society, the Fox River Valley Railroad (now a branch of the Chicago & Northwestern road), and other enterprises, and to him Elgin is indebted in no small degree for the prominence it has attained as a manufacturing, dairying and educational center.

M. H. THOMPSON.

M. H. Thompson is one of the very earliest settlers in the Fox River valley, coming here with his parents when he



M. H. THOMPSON

was only one year old. He is a native of Plattsburg, New York, and a son of Captain Thomas H. Thompson. The family came to Chicago in 1832, moved to Du-Page county, and thence to Kane county,

settling near Dundee in 1835. At Capt. Thompson's house the first election in Elgin was held, the congressional township of Elgin and Dundee then being Lake precinct in Kane county.

Mr. Thompson is the only remaining resident member of a once large family who were well known among the early settlers of the Fox River valley. He is a civil engineer by profession and followed his vocation for many years in the western states. He is now president of the Old Settlers' Association of Fox River valley and has done much toward making the annual reunions of that organization looked forward to with pleasure by the early settlers. Mr. Thompson has engaged in many business enterprises with uniform success. He has now retired from all active business and resides on East Chicago street, where he has been for the past forty years. His home occupies a portion of the wooded land given by Jas. T. Gifford to Rev. N. C. Clark, the first minister in Elgin.

E. RETAN.

E. Retan is one of the best known among Elgin's capitalists and retired business men. He was born at Burnow, Essex county, New Jersey, January 29, 1825, and attended the country schools of Steuben county, New York. He found employment in the east and was fairly prosperous there, but when twenty-two years of age was attracted by the boundless opportunities offered to progressive and enterprising young men in the west. With him it has always been his rule to act as he thought and he consequently arrived in Elgin in April, 1857, where he has since resided an honored and respected He was married to Phoebe Miller, daughter of the late Wesley Miller, December 28, 1848, at South Putney, New York. They have one son,

Allen M., who resides here. Mr. Retan has a handsome home at 420 Douglas avenue, where he resides during the sum-



E. RETAN

mer. He has a fine winter home at Ozona, Florida, where he spends the winter season.

WILLIAM EUGENE BOSWORTH.

William Eugene Bosworth, one of the most influential and progressive citizens of Elgin, a son of Increase C. Bosworth and Mary Ann Root, was born in Dundee, Illinois, October 5, 1848, where he lived until the spring of 1867, when he moved to Elgin with his parents.

His early education was obtained in the Dundee Public School and the Elgin Academy. Afterwards he entered the Chicago University where after four years' course he was graduated in 1869. He was engaged in the dry goods business for over thirty years, retiring from business in the spring of 1902.

On the 12th of May, 1873, Mr. Bosworth was united in marriage to Miss Ida

Louise Woodruff, daughter of Cyrus Henry and Louise Woodruff, who moved from West Stockbridge, Mass., in 1856. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bosworth, Cyrus I. Bosworth, a civil engineer living in Cumberland, Md.; Charles Eugene, who died when seven years and ten months of age; Ralph R. Bosworth, who died when nineteen years and eight months old; Ethel May Bosworth and Walter Henry Bosworth living at home.

He devoted considerable time to church work, being a deacon for more than twenty years, a Sunday school teacher, superintendent of the Sunday school for six years. His relations to the church have always been in an official capacity and he performed his religious and business duties in a manner which commanded respect. For years he was a trustee of the Chicago University and Elgin Academy



WILLIAM EUGENE BOSWORTH

and at the last school election he was elected a member of the Board of Education. Although during the summer failing health prevented his attending the meetings, his counsel and advice were always appreciated.

The Heavenly Father called him home October 30, 1903.

He ever loved the good and sought its promotion. He was always reliable. Honesty and integrity were characteristics of the man both in business and social life. He leaves a host of friends. He lived and died a Christian gentleman.

JUDGE DAVID B. SHERWOOD.

Among the many members of the bar of Kane county none takes a higher rank than D. B. Sherwood, who comes pretty



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near being a product of this county. Algonquin, McHenry county, Ill., is pleased to call him her son, as he was born there on the 14th of March, 1849. His early education was secured in the public schools and Elgin Academy. After completing a course in law and being admitted to the bar he became a member of the firm of Sherwood & Flournoy, afterward

Flournoy & Sherwood and Flournoy, Sherwood & Scott, at Galveston, Tex. From the Lone Star state he moved to Elgin in September, 1876, and has since practiced his profession here, having offices in the Young Men's Christian Association building. In 1890 he was elected Judge of Kane county, serving one term of four years, and discharging the duties of the office with ability and to the general satisfaction of the public.

Mr. Sherwood has been and is identified with some of our most substantial business interests.

He was one of seven men who built and equipped the first electric railway in the city of Elgin, "The Elgin City Railway Company," and was one of its directors from the time it was built in 1890; also a director of the Carpentersville, Elgin & Aurora Railway Company from its inception in 1895 to its sale to the present owners in 1901.

He was one of the organizers and directors of the Elgin Wind Power and Pump Company from 1887 to the present time, with the exception of two or three years. He for several years been a director of the Home National Bank and one of a syndicate that located and built the present shoe factory and shirt factory in Elgin.

Judge Sherwood enjoys home life so thoroughly that he has no affiliations with lodges and societies. He has been twice married, his first wife died in 1897. By this marriage he has two children. He was secondly married in 1900, and resides at 150 South State street.

DWIGHT A. CHAMBERLIN.

Dwight A. Chamberlin, Supervisor and prominent business man of Elgin, is the well known and distinguished agent of the Rockford Insurance Company, his office being in the Elgin National Bank building, Elgin, Illinois. He was born in

Rockford, June 2, 1849. Mr. Chamberlin obtained his knowledge through the public schools of Rockford, after which he commenced the insurance business and for



DWIGHT A. CHAMBERLIN

some years traveled in the interest of the Rockford Insurance Company. In 1885 he removed to Elgin, opened an office and has since made this his home. His business has been a large one and fairly profitable, even in the midst of the hard times from 1893 to 1897. His company is well known to be among the best in the country and a risk placed with it is known to be safe. Mr. Chamberlin was married July 2, 1886, to Miss Cora Orth by whom he had two children, Harry D. and Marie E., residing at 711 Douglas avenue, Elgin, Illinois. Fraternally Mr. Chamberlin is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Maccabees, Elks, Royal League and Home Forum and is well worthy a place among its most honored men. Few men have more staunch, true and tried friends than the warm hearted and genial Mr. Dwight A. Chamberlin.

BENJAMIN COX.

Benjamin Cox was born in Wilmot, New Hampshire, December 28, 1819, and was reared on his father's farm in New Hampshire until he was sixteen years old, assisting on the farm and attending the district school three months in winter and three in the summer each year. He then accompanied his parents to Ohio, where he continued to assist in farm work until the death of his father, when he learned the manufacture of women's shoes at Lynn, Massachusetts.

Believing that in Illinois the opportunity for advancement was greater, he came to this state and purchased land in Kane county, two miles west of Elgin and lived here until his removal to the city, in 1870. Farming in Illinois in pioneer days was



BENJAMIN COX

not an easy job. It required hard work. Mr. Cox was not averse to work and toiled early and late. Success crowned his efforts and enabled him to retire from active labor and take life more easily.

BERNHARD HAGELOW.

Bernhard Hagelow is a retired business man who is enjoying a well earned competency after a long and busy career. He was born in Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen,



BERNHARD HAGELOW

Germany, Feb. 13, 1830. He attended the common schools in Germany. He afterwards learned the trade of paper maker and came to America in 1849, working in New York state and Canada at his trade. He then came west and located at Bloomington, coming to Elgin in 1864. He made the first paper roofing in this state and introduced many improvements in the paper business. had large mills at South Elgin and had amassed a competency when his business was entirely destroyed by fire. In a few hours the fruits of years of industry and toil were swept away and he lost his entire fortune. With the fortitude and enterprise which is characteristic of him he engaged in the wholesaling and bottling of beer in Elgin and in 1894 having accumulated a competency retired from active work, devoting his time to his farming and other property interests. Mr. Hagelow was married at Niagara Falls to Miss Mary Barbara Schlegel. They had four daughters, two of whom are now living. He has taken an interest in public affairs and has served as a member of the Board of Education of Clinton-ville. He is a Sir Knight of Bethel Commandery, Knights Templar, a Mystic Shriner and also a thirty-second degree Mason. His home at 1045 Spring street is among the handsome edifices of the city.

WILLIAM H. GOETTING.

William H. Goetting, President of the Elgin Steam Laundry Co. at 115-117/Division street, has been a resident for the past fifteen years. Mr. Goetting was born in Schaumberg, Cook county, Ill., Oct. 9, 1859, and after being reared in the public schools of that place he worked on a farm



WILLIAM H. GOETTING

and then it was that he learned to operate a stationary machine. In 1882 he came to Elgin and for a long time was employed in the Elgin Steam Laundry.

At the end of that time he purchased the plant and business which he has since successfully conducted. He gives employment to from twenty to twenty-five hands and turns out exceptionally fine work. He resides with his wife and child at 216 Dexter avenue, and everyone is sure of a hearty welcome when they come to his pleasant home. He is a member of St. Paul's Benefit Society and politically is identified with the Republican party. As a business man Mr. Goetting is enterprising and progressive, and as a citizen he meets every requirement.

GEO. W. KIMBALL.

Geo. W. Kimball was one of the first settlers of Elgin, coming here in 1834, at the age of 32 years, with his wife and child, James M. Kimball, at a time when red men roamed the prairies and skimmed the streams in their light canoes. Mr. Kimball was born January 5, 1802, and died in Elgin August 17, 1885. He was by trade a cabinet maker and for many years conducted a furniture store in Elgin, where he was universally respected.

REV. JOSEPH ROHDE.

Rev. Father Rohde, pastor of St. Joseph's German Catholic Church, was born March 19, 1843, in Reckberg, Province of Westphalia, Germany, and from early life studied with the aim of the priesthood in view. He commenced his mental training for holy orders when little more than an infant and took up a prescribed course of study when twelve years of age. education was most thorough and he was ordained a priest March 12, 1870, having devoted fifteen years to the preparatory study and training. The ceremony took place at Paderborn, Prussia. The first five years of his priesthood were spent in his native country. He had a great desire from the first to become a missionary and in 1876 he left for America, arriving in Chicago in September of that year. Since then he has worked continuously in the archdiocese of Chicago and under di-



REV. JOSEPH ROHDE

rections from the archbishop has built up many congregations. In nearly every place that has been under his charge handsome churches and school buildings have been erected. Two years ago he was assigned to Elgin and the parish has since erected a handsome new church.

WALTER A. MERREFIELD.

Walter A. Merrefield, Assistant Postmaster, is one of the best known men in the city. He was born in Hanover, Cook county, Illinois, November 14, 1850, and is a son of the late Chas. E. Merrefield, one of the well known early settlers of this vicinity. He attended the country schools, the Elgin high school and Elgin Academy. During his boyhood he spent his time on the farm at home, when not attending

school, and at the age of eighteen years he entered the employ of the postal department of the government as a clerk in the Elgin postoffice. Since that time he



WALTER A. MERREFIELD

has been constantly employed there, excepting for four years when he was engaged in the creamery business with Charles N. Gould, at Earlville, Illinois. During the past twenty years he has been Assistant Postmaster, having won the position by his competency and faithful attention to his duties. In 1874 he was married to Esther, daughter of Thomas Burnidge, of Plato Center, who is now deceased. He has three children. Mr. Merrefield is a member of the Modern Woodmen and resides at 603 Spring street.

SAMUEL SHEDDEN.

Samuel Shedden was born in Plato township, six miles west of Elgin and in Kane county. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Shedden, who were among the best known early settlers of this coun-

ty and who are held in high esteem. They came from Scotland. The subject of this sketch grew to young manhood on the farm, attending the district schools and Pingree Seminary. His business career commenced in the dry goods business under M. W. DuBois and he was sent to Alpine, Texas, where he remained two years in the employ of DuBois & Larkin there. Returning he took the position of bookkeeper and cashier in the large business of George M. Peck, where he remained until 1894, when he was appointed Deputy County Treasurer by R. J. McCornack. He acceptably filled the position and remained under the administration of Henry McGough. he was In 1892 elected County Treasurer without opposition, which responsible position he now holds. Mr. Shedden is a member of the



SAMUEL SHEDDEN

First Congregational church of this city and is prominent in church, Sabbath school and Y. M. C. A. work. He is married and has four children. His home is at 509 Center street.

W. W. ABELL.

W. W. Abell, architect and civil engineer, with an office at 30 and 31 Home Bank Block, Elgin, has built up an extensive practice as the result of thorough preparation and long experience in his chosen profession.

Mr. Abell was born at Cummington, Hampshire county, Mass., Nov. 7, 1853. He was educated at public, state and private schools of Massachusetts, and on



W. W. ABELL

completion of his studies entered upon his career as architects' and engineers' assistant. His early business connections and changes may be summarized as follows:

First, with the engineer corps of the Massachusetts Central Railway. Second, with the English engineer corps of the Inter-Colonial Railway of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Third, with an architectural and engineering firm at Springfield, Mass.

In 1873 Mr. Abell was engaged as draughtsman by the Elgin National Watch Company and came west that year, locating here and continuing in the com-

pany's employ for eighteen years. In February, 1891, he entered private practice, having offices in Chicago and Elgin; discontinuing the former three years later and devoting his entire time to his Elgin office. By careful attention to the wishes of his clients, to whom he has ever given the benefit of his technical education and long experience, he has gained a large and increasing practice, and takes a pardonable pride in the fact that he has done work in almost every state in the union.

Mr. Abell is a member of the American Institute of Architects, the Illinois Society of Civil Engineers and Surveyors, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, Archaean Union, Elgin Century Club and Elgin Country Club. He is married, has one son and one daughter, and resides at 527 Laurel street.

ABEL D. GIFFORD.

Abel D. Gifford's name, one of the most honored in Elgin, has two inseparable associations—with Elgin's founding and with the Baptist denomination. Mr. Gifford was not the first settler, but his brother, James T. Gifford, has this distinction, and the subject of this sketch was early on the ground. He was, however, one of the charter members of the Elgin First Baptist church, being the only surviving one. This church was organized in 1838. Mr. Gifford has been a trustee since the first, and for over fifty years a deacon. He has been a Baptist church member since the age of 13, and in Elgin has done much to advance the cause.

Mr. Gifford was born in Sherburne, Chenango county, N. Y., August 9, 1818. His education was obtained in the public schools of his county and at Vernon Academy. He came to Illinois in 1837, soon after the death of his father, and located on land two miles east of the then city limits of Elgin, which now

adjoins the corporation. He purchased 260 acres, made of the place a model farm, and still owns it, although since 1889 Mr. Gifford has lived a retired life,



ABEL D. GIFFORD

in a beautiful home at 254 Villa street, Elgin. His son, Charles A. Gifford, carries on the farm.

Mr. Gifford has always taken a lively interest in local affairs and has been prominently identified with Elgin from its infancy until incapacitated by illness from active participation in business matters. He is a director of the Home National Bank and the Home Savings Bank.

Politically he has been connected with the Republican party since its birth, and while never a seeker for office has ever been found supporting the best men and measures. No man stands higher in the estimation of the citizens of Elgin than he. His family consists of his third wife, to whom he was married Dec. 15, 1896, and two children, Charles A. Gifford and Mrs. Charles L. Holden, by a former wife.

OTIS HOYT.

Otis Hoyt was born in Amesbury, Massachusetts, in April, 1838, and died at his home in this city June 2, 1885. He attended the public schools of his native city, obtaining a good common school education. When a young man he engaged in watch manufacturing, being an employe of the American Watch factory at Waltham, Massachusetts. In 1861 he resigned his position and enlisted in the army. He was soon promoted to a sergeancy and for gallantry and efficiency was repeatedly promoted until at the close of his military career he was commander of Co. C, 16th Massachusetts Volunteers, with the rank of captain. The regiment saw much service and hardship and Captain Hoyt participated in thirty-seven battles and skirmishes. He was severely wounded at the second battle of Bull Run. In 1864 he came to Elgin and accepted a position with the Elgin National Watch



OTIS HOYT

Company, being one of the first employes. A few years later he removed to Springfield and was appointed superin-

tendent of the watch factory there. He resigned that position eight years later to take charge of the train department of the watch factory in this city, which position he held until his death.

In 1863 he married Miss Mary E. Britton. They had two children, William Britton Hoyt, who died in 1889, and Otis West Hoyt, now employed at the Waltham Watch factory.

L. N. SEAMAN.

L. N. Seaman, cashier of the Elgin National Bank, was born in Castile, New York, Sept. 30, 1853. He was educated at the State Normal School at Albany, N. Y., and at Williams College.

Coming west in 1878 he located at Belvidere, Ill., and engaged in mercantile pursuits which he followed till 1886 when



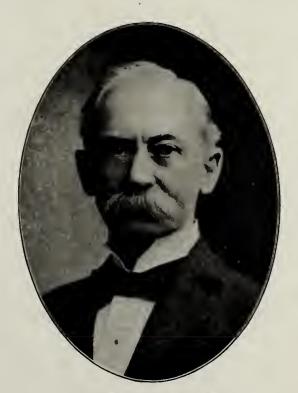
L. N. SEAMAN

the new state of South Dakota attracted him and he moved to Mitchell, where he established the Mitchell National Bank. In 1892 he returned to Illinois and located in Elgin. Here with others he organized the bank with which he is still connected.

Mr. Seaman is an active member of the Congregational Church and has always taken a great interest in the work of the Y. M. C. A.

RICHARD P. JACKMAN.

Richard P. Jackman was born in Hills-borough county, New Hampshire, Dec. 16, 1834. He was a son of Jonathan M.



RICHARD P. JACKMAN

and Elvira C. Jackman, who were of English and Welch ancestry. After attending the public schools he was apprenticed to learn the trade of a foundryman at Nashua, New Hampshire. He worked at the trade five years and in 1856 he removed to the state of Iowa as representative of an eastern firm. In 1860 he returned to his native state. In 1865 he again came west and located at Elgin. He here became a master workman and was superintendent of a large business until June 1, 1877, when he engaged in business for himself and from that time dis-

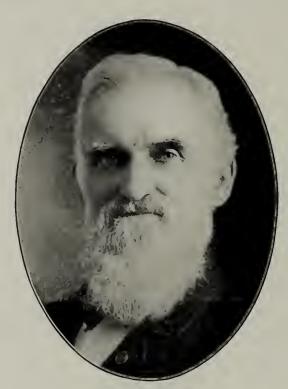
played such business ability and energy that he became very prosperous. He became the senior member of the firm of R. P. Jackman & Son, founders and machinists. This firm continued the business until 1892. He was married May 23, 1857, in Manchester, New Hampshire, to Miss Samantha Clark. They had two children, George L. and Isabel E., now the wife of R. W. Joslyn, both of whom reside here. Mr. Jackman was a member of the Elgin Board of Trade, was one of the organizers and for many years President of the Elgin Loan and Homestead Association, Director of the Home National Bank, and Elgin City Railway Company. He was a member of the City Council four years and a Knights Templar, belonging to Bethel Commandery of Elgin. Mr. Jackman died November 16, 1900, at Denver, Col., where he had gone hoping to regain his health.

A. N. DOWNER.

A. N. Downer, whose home is at 36 Hill avenue, was a pioneer lumberman of Chicago, that having been his occupation most of his life. He was born at West Vienna, Oneida county, New York, June 4, 1834. He attended he local public schools, and in 1845 moved with his family to Utica, N. Y., where his people were engaged in lumber manufacturing. His father died in 1849, and the subject of this sketch remained in the lumber business at Utica till 1858, when he came west to Chicago. The same year he was superintendent of a lumber yard, and a little later opened the first lumber yard on 22d street. Until 1879 he followed this business in Chicago, moving there to Cass county, Iowa, where he engaged in another pursuit—that of general farming and stock-raising. He still has interests in Cass county.

In 1862 Mr. Downer enlisted in the famous Chicago Board of Trade Battery,

serving in the Civil war for four months, when he was wounded at Bowling Green, Ky. Since 1892 his home has been in Elgin.



A. N. DOWNER

He was married in 1866 to Miss Mary A. Falconer of Chicago, whose father located in that city in 1844 and is still living there, hale and hearty, although in his 87th year.

J. M. MURPHY.

J. M. Murphy is well known as a business man and Alderman. He was born March 15, 1846, in Chicago, and the family removed soon thereafter to Lake county, Ill., where he attended the public schools and was successful at farming. In 1883 he removed to Elgin and was one of the originators of the present Wind Will Company. In 1887 he disposed of his interest in that manufactory and in 1897 purchased a partnership with Fred L. Steere in the automobile and carriage business. They have met with success and are among the leading

dealers of this region. Mr. Murphy takes an interest in public affairs and represents the fourth ward in the City Coun-



J. M. MURPHY

cil, being among the leaders. He is married and has two sons. He has a pleasant home at 327 DuPage street.

GEO. E. FARRINGTON.

Among the pioneer watchmakers (the word "watchmakers" being used in a general sense) of Elgin, Geo. E. Farrington of 385 South Liberty street, is prominent. Born at Chester, Vt., May 30, 1842, he obtained his early education in the public schools of that place, supplementing it with a course at the Springfield Wesleyan seminary. On leaving school he learned the machinists' trade at Springfield, Vt., and in 1867 came to Elgin. Here he was employed by the Elgin National Watch Company in the train department, first as a job boss, then as assistant foreman and later as foreman. That he was a valuable employe is shown by the fact that he was with the company in one department over twenty-five years, with two or three exceptions being the oldest operative in the shop at the time he left, in 1893.

Previous to locating in Elgin Mr. Farrington saw service in the Civil war as a member of Co. A, 3d Vermont Volunteer infantry. He was a soldier for three years and was discharged as a commissary sergeant. He is an honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

He was an Alderman in Elgin for three years, and made an enviable record. His lodge affiliations are with the National



GEORGE E. FARRINGTON

Union. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Farrington, two of whom are living.

SMITH & WILKENING.

The firm of Smith & Wilkening, contractors and general builders, at 117-123 North Liberty street, is composed of S. A. Smith and Herman Wilkening. The firm has been established about four years, although the senior member has been an Elgin contractor fourteen years. In ad-

dition to the work of building they operate their own mill, which is necessary, in order to keep pace with the demands of their business, to run at its full capac-



S. A. SMITH

ity. Doing their own mill work and purchasing lumber and nails in carload lots enables them to underbid their competitors in contracting and to secure a large share of the work done in Elgin and in neighboring places. They employ only the most expert workmen and the reputation they have acquired by their conscientious efforts is an assurance of the continued expansion of their business.

Among the more notable contracts which they have filled to the entire satisfaction of the owners may be mentioned the following: Extensive addition to the Elgin National Watch factory, the Sherwin block, on Spring street, remodeling of amusement hall and chapel and building of female infirmary at the hospital for the insane; the Scheele store on Douglas avenue, Abby C. Wing school, addition to the factory of the Elgin Silver Plate Company, W. J. Gilbert's business building on Grove avenue, the pavilion at

Lord's park, Brethren Publishing Company's plant, addition to Shirt Factory, and many residences for the following of which they drew the plans and specifications and had the general contract:

H. Wilkening, H. Rust, E. Kocher, F. Fisher, J. Landgrafe, A. Polmatiere, F. Sylvester, Wm. Grote, M. Leverenz, Wm. Ettner, O. W. Todd, Mrs. S. Van Driesen, C. H. Stringer, McKenzie and Clark, J. B. Hopkins, C. A. Walsh, M. S. Aldridge, A. Kretschmer, A. R. Bode, Wm. Bell, A. Nolting, A. Bennorth, F. M. Murphy, F. Holtze, T. Donlia, O. Stettner, J. Treu, two flats for G. W. Hinsdell,



HERMAN WILKENING

Miss A. E. Tuttle, Dr. R. P. Wilcox, and Fred Joslyn.

Mr. Smith resides at 117 North Liberty street, which place is the office, and Mr. Wilkening at 123, the same street.

HON. JOHN A. LOGAN.

Hon. John A. Logan was born in Elgin August 9, 1861, and acquired his education in the public schools of the city.

He was the son of poor parents who came here from Ireland in an early day and his youth and early manhood were spent largely in a struggle with poverty and to better his condition in life. His father succumbed to hard work and illness when the subject of this sketch was a boy and his mother died a few years later. Logan first worked in the brickyards near Fox River switch, where he was employed two years. Afterwards he became a brakeman on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway and was in due time promoted to a conductorship. He was given charge of the yards in this city and became a passenger conductor, which position he resigned to engage in the real estate business. He was Deputy Sheriff and resigned. In 1894 he was appointed United States Deputy Marshal and served



HON. JOHN A. LOGAN

four years. During that time he fully demonstrated his abilities as an officer and distinguished himself during the strike at Chicago, being severely wounded during a desperate encounter with rioters. Soon after the expiration of his term of office he was appointed Chief of Police at Elgin,

holding that office three years and proving most efficient. In 1901 he organized the Northern Lakes Ice Company, of which he is President. Mr. Logan was elected an Alderman soon after he had attained his majority and served nine years. was a leader and was on all of the important committees. It was while he was in office that much important local legislation was enacted. He is chairman of the Democratic senatorial committee and also of the town committee. Mr. Logan was the minority member of the 42nd general assembly from this district. He is President of the Civil Service Commission of the city.

His rise in life has been rapid and his success is due to his own industry and perseverance, he having had much to contend with and many obstacles that would seem insurmountable to men of ordinary will power and force of character have been overcome. He is now one of the best known business men in this section. As President of the Northern Lakes Ice Company he has established and erected immense ice houses at Pistakee bay and he is also Vice President of the Walworth Condensed Milk Company and is a partner in the wholesale ice cream business in Chicago. Mr. Logan has a pleasant summer house at Pistakee bay. Mrs. Logan was Mary A., daughter of the late Caspar Althen, who was President of the Elgin Eagle Brewing Company and a prominent citizen. They have a son, John, and a daughter, Miss Margaret.

Mr. Logan is a member of Elgin lodge, A. F. and A. M., Oriental Consistory and Medinah Temple, of Chicago. He is also a member of Lochiel lodge, Knights of Pythias. He is President of the Hillside Club of Pistakee bay.

E. S. EATON.

E. S. Eaton was born on a farm near Elkhorn, Walworth county, Wisconsin, in April, 1851. Lived at Elkhorn un-

til 1866; removing with his parents to Clinton, Iowa, where he attended the city schools. In June, 1874, he came to Elgin and was in the employ of T. F. Swan until 1879, then going to Chicago in the employ of Field, Leiter & Co. In 1880 he returned to Elgin to take charge of a new grocery department for M. W. DuBois, which proved a success from the start. In 1883 Mr. DuBois sold out to Mr. G. M. Peck and Mr. Eaton remained at the head of the department until 1888 when the firm of Peck & Eaton was organized. After fifteen years of successful operation Mr. Eaton is still at the head as manager, and is known as a conservative business man whose word is as good as his bond. He is married and resides at 320 Congdon



E. S. EATON

avenue, where he has a most comfortable home. He is a member of Elgin lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Elgin Encampment, I. O. O. F.; Althea lodge, I. O. O. F., and Elgin council, Royal League.

E. N. DANGERFIELD.

Ed. N. Dangerfield was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. After receiving his edu-

cational advantages he resided in Hartford, Conn. In 1868 he came to Elgin and worked as a machinist for the Elgin National Watch Company. In 1870 he



ED. N. DANGERFIELD

and seventeen other machinists went to Springfield and started the Illinois Watch Company. He continued in that business for a number of years and has since March, 1900, dealt in the general insurance business, and at this he soon attained deserved prominence as a man of integrity and ability. Mr. Dangerfield is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen, Archaean Union and Royal Arcanum. He is a man who stands high in the estimation of his fellow men, and he has ever been ready to assist in the welfare of his adopted country and state.

SAMUEL ROBINSON.

Samuel Robinson, who lives the life of a retired farmer at 209 Milwaukee street, Elgin, was born in England Oct. 25, 1839. He came to this country in 1842 and located in Elgin in 1845. The public schools of Kane county furnished him his education. In 1853 he occupied, with his



SAMUEL ROBINSON

parents, the land near Elgin which is still his farm, and it was not until 1884 that he decided to "take life easier" and enjoy the conveniences of city life. So he returned to Elgin, which has since been his home. He has been for twenty years a member of the Congregational church. On the 6th of October, 1870, he married Miss Lottie Adams of Kane county. They have one daughter and three sons. Mr. Robinson is not a member of any lodge.

EUGENE C. KINCAID.

Eugene C. Kincaid was born in Schenectady, New York. His father, Elam H. Kincaid, was of Scotch descent, a printer by trade, and at one time publisher of the Congressional Globe. He established the Schenectady Star as an aid to the administration of Gen. Jackson and

remained its publisher till his death. Mr. Kincaid's mother, Rhoda Ann (Cornell) Kincaid was born in Galway, N. Y., of Puritan ancestry, enjoying many of the advantages then afforded for education. When Mr. Kincaid was but two years of age his father died and when sixteen his mother died. Mr. Kincaid learned to set type in the Syracuse, N. Y., Standard office and having an inherited fondness for newspaper work, has followed the profession at times till within a few years, even yet being an occasional contributor to the press. In 1861 he enlisted in K. Co. 27th N. Y. S. Vols., Col. H. W. Slocum, and served two years under the flag, finally holding the position of Quarter Master Sergeant. In 1864 he came west, settling in Elgin, purchasing in 1865 with a partner, L. H. Post, now of Washington, D. C., the Elgin Gazette. The two young men built up quite a paper



EUGENE C. KINCAID

and then sold out. In 1866 Mr. Kincaid married Isadore Padelford, youngest daughter of the late R. W. and M. W. Padelford. Two children were born to

them, Eugenia J. (Kincaid) Olds, the wife of an attorney in Cleveland, O., and Mary A. Kincaid, a teacher in the city schools of Cleveland, O. In 1873 Mr. Kincaid was appointed to the railway mail service and for twelve years remained at the work.

For the past nine years he has been connected with the mailing department of the D. C. Cook Publishing Company, for six years holding the position of foreman. Mr. Kincaid has always been a great reader and is well versed in history, and familiar with the political and social conditions of the world as printed. He is a man of set convictions and usually ready to defend them. Firm in his friendships, he is rather indifferent to criticism. In his home hospitality is open, no visitor feeling an unpleasant restraint.

E. K. W. CORNELL.

Eugene K. W. Cornell, for twenty years manager of the Elgin Packing Company, was born in Galway, Saratoga county, New York, May 10, 1823, and after attending the Galway Academy, where he pursued the prescribed course, graduated when but fifteen years old. He afterwards taught and for five years followed that profession at Saratoga Springs, New York. At Schenectady, New York, he studied dentistry and there commenced practice. He did not remain at that place long, as he thought he could find a more favorable locality in the rapidly growing west. Before leaving he married Miss Matilda C. Padelford and one year after their marriage they removed to Michigan and later came to Elgin, being the first dentist to locate in the city.

In 1879 Mr. Cornell was offered the position of assistant manager of the Elgin Packing Company. For ten years he served as assistant manager, later was made general manager, and under his

supervision much of the credit for the success of the company is due. For more than sixty years Mr. and Mrs. Cornell have traveled life's journey together, hap-



E. K. W. CORNELL

py in each other's love, and have not only the love and respect of their family, but of many friends in Elgin and throughout Kane county.

FRED W. JENCKS.

Fred W. Jencks was born at Dundee, Illinois, July 6, 1861, where he received his early education, which was finished at the Elgin Academy after the family removed to this city. In 1876 he engaged in the fire and life insurance business, which he still continues, and is also manager of the Elgin opera house, having had charge of that popular amusement house since 1886. Mr. Jencks is one of the most progressive and enterprising theatrical managers in the west, and gives his patrons a fine list of attractions each He has been a resident of season. this city since 1871. His office address is room 1, Opera House Block. He is married and has two children, a son and a daughter. Mr. Jencks is manager of the Elgin Bill Posting and



FRED W. JENCKS

Advertising Company, which does an extensive business, and from 1892 to 1900 was President of the Illinois State Bill Posters' Association, and is on the Board of Directors at the present time. He is public spirited and represented the second ward in the Council two terms and was President of the Board of Water Commissioners one term. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., the Elks, M. W. A. and Archaean Union. His home is at 273 Dundee avenue.

DR. J. FORREST BELL.

J. Forrest Bell, M. D., was born Feb. 26, 1863, near Claysville, Washington county, Pa. He attended the common schools at his home town and the State Normal at California, Washington county, graduating from the latter in 1884. Then he pursued a medical course at Jef-

ferson College, Philadelphia, receiving his degree of doctor of medicine in 1890. He taught in the common and graded schools and was an instructor in the State Normal at the time he began study of medicine, teaching for a period altogether of eight years. He began the practice of medicine May 1, 1890, in Elgin, and from 1891 till 1895 was City Physician. From 1897 till 1903 he was a member of the Elgin Board of Education. He is a member of the Elgin Physicians' Club, Fox River Valley Medical Association, Secretary and Treasurer of same, American Association of Life Insurance Medical Examiners, and of the American Medical Association. Of fraternal organizations he is affiliated with Kane lodge, I. O. O. F.; Lochiel lodge, K. P.; Tribe of Ben Hur, North American Union, and the Elks.



DR. J. FORREST BELL

In 1891 he was joined in marriage to Ethel R. Gooding. They have two daughters, Doris Elizabeth and Mary Gwendolen. A son, Vincent Gooding, died at the age of one year.

Dr. Bell's residence is at 15 North Channing street, and his office on Fountain square, over the pharmacy of Edwin Hall, where he has one of the most handsomely appointed and centrally located offices in the city.

HENRY McBRIDE.

Henry McBride, retired farmer and merchant, came to Elgin in 1872 from Ireland, where he was born in 1825, of Scotch-Irish parents. He arrived with his family in Elgin, December 12, 1872, and purchased a farm in Plato township. He resided there and successfully conducted his farming interests until 1881, when he moved to this city and engaged in the coal business at the present site of his office and yards, No. 7 South State street. He also deals in lime, cement,



HENRY McBRIDE

sewer pipe and kindred articles. In 1856 he was married to Miss Margaret Adams. They have four sons and seven daughters. Mr. and Mrs. McBride enjoy the

respect and esteem of the community. They are prominent members of the First Congregational church and reside at 520 West Chicago street.

BENJAMIN S. PEARSALL.

Among the representative business men of Elgin none stand higher than Benjamin S. Pearsall, manager of The D. E.



BENJAMIN S. PEARSALL

Wood Butter Company. In business and private life his name has always been above reproach, and when in 1900 he was a candidate for mayor of Elgin he received the largest vote ever cast, excepting A. E. Price. He served with credit as Alderman of the third ward for one term.

Mr. Pearsall is a native of New York state, having been born July 29, 1866, in Otsego county, and receiving his education in the public schools. His first location in the west was at Huntley, Ill., where he resided until 1887. For two years thereafter he was employed by George M. Peck, in Elgin, and then went to Colorado, returning to Elgin in 1892, since which time this has been his resi-

dence, his present home being at 33 Hill avenue.

In 1892 Mr. Pearsall became connected with The D. E. Wood Butter Company, of which he is Secretary, Treasurer and Manager. The company is one of the most extensive of its kind in the land, and no small part of its success is due to the conscientious efforts and ability of Mr. Pearsall. In addition to this business he is a director of Her Ladyship Corset Company of Jackson, Mich., and a director of the Elgin Loan and Homestead Association, director of Y. M. C. A. and trustee of First Baptist Church. He was married in 1893 to Leah S. Calkins of Galesburg, Ill., and has three children.

DR. H. J. GAHAGAN.

Dr. H. J. Gahagan looks back to Grafton, Ill., as the place of his nativity. As a boy he attended the public schools of his



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town and Chicago, passing from them into a private academy in Chicago, and preparing himself for his chosen profession at the famous Rush Medical College.

During his college term he was ćlerk at the Cook County Hospital from 1889 to 1893, and in June of the latter year was appointed assistant physician of the Illinois Northern Hospital for the Insane in Elgin. On terminating his connection with this institution he opened an office in Elgin for the general practice of medicine, and from 1879 to 1903 filled the office of City Physician, and is President of the Fox River Valley Medical Association. His offices are at rooms 29-31 Sherwin building. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Knights of Pythias, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Catholic Order of Foresters, Modern Woodmen of America, Fraternal Tribunes, Fraternal Reserve Life Association, Fox River Valley Medical Association, American Medical Association, and Illinois State Medical Society. He is married and has three children, his home being at 416 Fulton street.

GEORGE F. SILLS.

George F. Sills, the genial, enterprising insurance agent and ticket broker, with offices at 10 River street, in the Elgin National Bank building, is one of the best known and most popular men in the city.

He was born on a farm at Brockville, Ontario, April 15, 1857. He attended the public schools and graduated from the high school at Madoc, Ontario. At the age of 18 years he commenced to learn the cheesemaker's trade and followed this for three years. He came to Elgin in 1878, and entered the employ of the state at the Illinois Northern Hospital for the After three years there he com-Insane. menced work at the Elgin National Watch factory, where he remained for a like period. Leaving there he was employed at Stone Bros.' drug store for two years and then returned to the watch factory,

continuing with that concern until he started in business for himself eleven years ago.



GEORGE F. SILLS

He is special agent for the Equitable Life Insurance Company of New York and is among the most successful insurance men in this section. In addition he also does an extensive railway ticket brokerage business. Mr. Sills is a member of the First M. E. church, has been a member of Kane lodge, No. 47, I. O. O. F., for 23 years, and of Lochiel lodge, Knights of Pythias, for fifteen years. He is married and resides at 371 Fultop street.

DR. E. J. VAILL.

Among the young professional men of the city, who have made rapid progress in their profession is Dr. E. J. Vaill, who has offices on the second floor of the Chicago Telephone building on Spring street, corner of Milwaukee street. Dr. Vaill was born in Elgin in 1868 and here attended the public schools. He was employed in

the watch factory for several years, leaving to fit himself for his chosen life work. He attended Bennett Medical College in Chicago, graduating in 1894. He then took the competitive examination for house physician at the Cook County Hospital and out of the large number entering he took second place. He served for twenty-two months in the hospital, receiving experience that usually comes only after many years of practice. After leaving the hospital he opened an office at Wabash and Jackson streets, Chicago. He lived here and was doing a general practice in both cities until 1900 when he gave



DR. E. J. VAILL

up his Chicago office to devote his entire time to his Elgin practice. He has rapidly advanced and is now among the leading young physicians of the city.

SYLVESTER S. MANN.

Sylvester S. Mann was born in North Java, Wyoming county, New York, May 31, 1826, his family being originally from Massachusetts. He was the son of James

and Lucy Sherman Mann. In the fall of 1843 his father came west and bought a claim of twelve hundred acres in Burlington township. In May, 1844, the deceased followed with his brothers to Burlington, where, in August, 1846, he engaged in mercantile business, under the firm name of Mann & Brown, afterwards, and for years, Mann & Hapgood. This was the first store in the village. The Manns were among the pioneers of Burlington, there being but eighteen families in the township when they arrived. They were repeatedly honored by their townsmen. They built the first frame house in the



SYLVESTER S. MANN

town in 1845, and built the first sawmill soon after. In 1848, when a postoffice was established, Mr. Mann was appointed Postmaster. In 1858 he was elected Supervisor, and served in that capacity several terms. In 1863 he was elected to the State Legislature and with other Repubcans brought to pass the disagreement between the House and Senate which enabled Governor Yates to prorogue the body. In 1865 he was re-elected and in 1872 was chosen for the third time a

Representative in the State Legislature. During this latter term he aided in securing the location of the hospital for the insane here. In 1866 he served as Revenue Collector of the second district and removed to Elgin in the fall of the same year. While residing here he was interested in mercantile business at Burlington and Hampshire, engaged in the commission business in Chicago, and, for several years, he was largely interested in importing and breeding Holstein cattle, with his son, John S. Mann. His establishment here and farms of one thousand acres in Burlington were devoted to this business.

Mr. Mann retained his prominence in politics after coming to Elgin, being twice honored with the Congressional delegation from this town.

In 1850 he married Miss Caroline B. Young of Burlington, whose family were also old settlers of that town, settling there in 1840. Mrs. Mann now resides at the old homestead in the village of Burlington. Their children are Elvira J. Mann, the wife of C. H. Potter; Alice, John S., and Nellie B., the wife of Dr. O. A. Chappell. Mr. Mann died August 14, 1885.

HARVEY SEYMOUR.

Harvey Seymour was one of those sturdy characters who have done much to develop the great west. He was born in Tyron, Steuben county, N. Y., April 8, 1822, and died in Elgin Oct. 13, 1903. Between these dates is crowded a life of toil, energy, affluence, comfort, peace. He was 19 years of age when he came with his father's family to Illinois, the home selected being a tract of 320 acres of land in Barrington, Cook county, which his father purchased. Harvey received an education such as the common schools afforded, and at 21 he became the owner of 80 acres of fine land, which he had helped his father to buy. He burned

brick and constructed a house, and there he lived and farmed and added to his holdings until he had a title to 700 acres of fertile soil. He turned his attention



HARVEY SEYMOUR

largely to livestock, and his sheep, cattle and horses, always in evidence at fairs, were blue ribbon wearers as a matter of course.

In 1871 he retired from active farming and moved to Elgin, where he built, not only for his own occupancy, but for rent, several houses as well as business structures in the north part of the city, where he owned considerable acreage. He retained 250 acres of land in Cook county and also had a fine farm in Iowa.

He was married Aug. 20, 1845, to Frances E. Haven. They had one son, who died several years ago. The family home is at 414 Dundee avenue.

Mr. Seymour was prominent in the First M. E. church of Elgin, and up to the last took an active interest in its work, contributing largely of his wealth and time. He was ill about one year before he died.

FRANKLIN L. SHEPHERD.

Franklin L. Shepherd, a well known business man and retired farmer, was born in New Berlin, Chenango county, New York, May 17, 1844. He came to Kane county in 1855, his parents settling in the township of Dundee, where he was brought up on the farm. He attended the public schools and himself became a farmer. Mr. Shepherd removed from the farm to Elgin in 1881 and his first business here was superintending the construction of the dam across the Fox river that was built in place of one that had been carried away by a freshet. He engaged in the agricultural business the same year, but sold to S. W. Chapman two years He was employed as resident agent and salesman by Mr. Chapman for fourteen years. In March, 1903, he organized the Elgin Combination Wagon Box Company and is now manager of



FRANKLIN L. SHEPHERD

that concern. Mr. Shepherd is an energetic and enterprising business man and retains his large farming interests, being one of the progressive land owners of the

dairy belt. He is public spirited and takes an interest in public affairs. He has represented the second ward in the City Council and his record as a member of that body is most creditable.

In 1864 he was married to Miss Helen Kenyon. They have two daughters, Mrs. Rev. Enos Holt and Mrs. John B. Newman, and a son Frank W. Shepherd, a well known attorney. The family home is at 316 Center street.

HON. ARWIN E. PRICE.

The subject of this sketch enjoys the well earned distinction of being what the public calls "A self made man," and an analyzation of his character reveals the fact that "progressive enterprise," his best efforts directed in the interest of his fellows, and honorable dealings, have been the essential features in his prosperity and popularity.

Mr. Price, being a western man by birth and training, possesses the true western spirit of progress. He was born in Waukesha, Wisconsin, August 29, 1850, and is a son of Humphrey and Elizabeth Evans Price, natives of Cardiff, Wales.

Mr. Price's schooling was limited, as he was apprenticed to the marble cutter's trade before he was twelve years old, completing his apprenticeship the day before President Lincoln was assassinated. He came to Elgin in September, 1869, and from that time on has been engaged in the marble and granite business here, with the exception of three years.

On the 4th of September, 1869, Mr. Price was united in marriage to Miss Martha A. Lewis, daughter of Francis and Clarrisa Soper Lewis. Mrs. Price's great uncle was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. They have one daughter, Edith Cecil. Their's is an hospitable home, always open to their many friends. Socially Mr. Price is a

Master Mason, and in politics a Republican.

Arwin E. Price's name is closely linked with nearly all the municipal public improvements made in Elgin in the last 17 years, and his name is identified with its progress and prosperity.

In the year 1885 he was elected Alderman from the third ward for one year, in 1886 he was re-elected for two years, and again in 1888. While an Alderman he introduced a resolution for the establish-



HON. ARWIN E. PRICE

ment of a system of water works, and was one of the members of the committee who reported to the Council the water works system, and "public ownership of the same," which was adopted. He was elected Acting Mayor by the Council June 4, 1888.

He accomplished by diplomacy what other Mayors had failed to accomplish in the courts, the removal of the unsightly and dangerous obstruction of West Chicago street, and the building by the Chicago & North-Western Railway Company of the steel viaduct at said point.

In the fall of 1888 the Fire Department was reorganized and the first fire building erected.

When in 1889 he was elected Mayor by the people, the city was paying \$242.00 per arc lamp per year. Under his influence the city purchased the plant, added 76 lamps, extended the circuits, and at the end of the first year the cost of light was reduced from \$242.00 to \$53.70 per lamp.

On Sept. 4, 1889, Bluff City Cemetery was opened to the public.

The ordinance for the paving of the streets in the fire limits was approved March 25, 1891.

Almost the last act by this administration was the purchase of a patrol wagon, but the prejudice was so strong against the same that it was not placed in active service for months. The wonder, by even those who objected to its purchase, is how the city ever got along without one.

In 1897 he was again elected to the office of Mayor, and was re-elected in 1899 and again in 1901. He at once entered into the spirit of public improvements. One of his first recommendations to the Council was for an appropriation for the purchase of an incandescent dynamo at the city light station to furnish light free for the City Hall, Park, Library and Hospital. This action saved the taxpayers thousands of dollars.

Fire having destroyed the old building at Lord's Park the beautiful pavilion now there was erected.

The old wooden bridges at Chicago and National streets becoming eye-sores to the public and dangerous to public traffic, with the unanimous co-operation of the Council, new structures of steel and concrete were erected to take their places.

Three miles of brick pavement were laid on Chicago, Brook, North, River, Spring and Milwaukee streets, Forest and Douglas avenues. After years of effort this administration succeeded in getting the telephone and telegraph companies to place their wires underground in the fire limits, and the removal of the unsightly poles.

Mr. Price's greatest ambition while Mayor was to furnish the citizens of this city with pure artesian well water. This proposition was approved by the Council and adopted by referendum vote, the shaft and tunnel system being inaugurated. During the close of his administration contracts were awarded for the building of a receiving vault at Bluff City Cemetery, the building of the fire house in the fifth ward, and for the completion of the shaft and tunnel system.

Public ownership of water and light was his motto, the granting of no franchises without just compensation to the public was his practice, and as shown the Elgin City Railway Company paid \$11,000 as its share of the Chicago street bridge. For the privilege of using Riverside avenue from Prairie street north to the alley, the A. E. & C. Ry. paid the city \$10,000.

He attributes his success while Mayor in establishing permanent public improvements to the fact that during the nine years he occupied the office he was accorded the confidence and co-operation at all times of at least a working majority of the representatives of the people, the several Honorable City Councils.

HARRY D. BARNES.

Harry D. Barnes is known as one of the thoroughly reliable young men of this section. He was born at Bloomingdale, Ill., November 29, 1863, and received his education in the public schools and at Elgin Academy, where he prepared himself for the business He is Secretary and Manager of the Elgin Packing Company, having charge of the large plant and business of the company in this city. Barnes has grown up with the business, having passed through all the departments and is considered one of the best in his line.

The affairs of the company have prospered under his management and he is considered one of the brightest and best business men of the city. Mr. Barnes is



HARRY D. BARNES

equally popular with the stockholders and employes. He is married and has two children. He resides at 570 Chicago street, where he has one of the modern homes of the city.

DANIEL J. CHAMBERLAIN.

Daniel J. Chamberlain, for a quarter of a century a leading merchant of Elgin, was born in Madison, New Hampshire, Aug. 19, 1844, and died at Ellsworth, Maine, Aug. 23, 1901. Between these dates was crowded a life of energy, of unremitting application, of research, of humanitarian effort, of business activity.

He was the son of Alvah and Hannah Jackson Chamberlain. His mother died when he was 3 years of age, and at 12 he was deprived of a father. Educational opportunities were limited, but he improved to the utmost what he possessed,

and by wise reading broadened his information until it included many lines. Of a generous nature, his sympathies were touched by evidence of poverty, and it was characteristic of him ever to lend a helping hand.

As a boy Mr. Chamberlain laid the foundation for future success when he assiduously performed the duties of clerk in a retail clothing store at Hudson, Mass. From there he went to Boston and for about thirteen years was connected with the wholesale clothing establishment of Whitten, Burdett & Young. In 1876 he came to Elgin and established a clothing business, which, under the name of the "Big Boston," was destined to take a leading place among the city's enterprises. Politically Mr. Chamberlain was a Republican. He was a member of the Century Club and prominent in social affairs.

His travels were extensive, at home and abroad. In 1890 he accompanied Temple



DANIEL J. CHAMBERLAIN

Commandery, Knights Templar, of Albany, N. Y., on its European tour, and in 1895 he organized the "Chamberlain Crusaders," who chartered the Friesland

of the American Red Star line for a journey to the Mediterranean, which he personally conducted. The itinerary included the Bermudas, Italy, Greece, Northern Africa, Turkey, the holy land, etc., and was most successful.

On the 15th of June, 1874, Mr. Chamberlain was united in marriage to Miss Celeste L. Chamberlain of Ellsworth, Maine, a young lady of gracious refinement, who has been a leader in society since residing in Elgin. She is ex-President of the Elgin Woman's Club and an active member of the Church of the Redeemer (Episcopal), in which her services are very highly prized. Mrs. Chamberlain resides at 470 Douglas avenue, their home for many years.

CHARLES W. CORNELL.

Charles W. Cornell was born in Elgin March 23, 1858, and is a son of E. K. W. Cornell, who was among the early resi-



CHARLES W. CORNELL

dents of this section. He attended the public schools, graduating from the high school, and afterwards entered the employ of Wood & Sherwin from 1880 to 1887.

He then became interested in the Creamery Package Manufacturing Company of Chicago, and was elected Secretary, which position he held until 1894, when he resigned to establish the business of Cornell Bros., which is one of the large concerns of the west in that line. They manufacture a large amount of condensed milk, butter and cheese.

He is married and has two children, Charles Walter and Frank B. Mr. Cornell is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being a Knights Templar. He is also a charter member of Lochiel lodge, Knights of Pythias. He has a handsome home at 34 Porter avenue.

JOHN W. FARNUM.

Everybody in Elgin and vicinity knows John W. Farnum, the jovial insurance agent and all-round good citizen. He was born at Lockport, N. Y., but as to the exact date Mr. Farnum remains silent. His age is uncertain—he is young or old as circumstances dictate, as his countenance beams for all.

Mr. Farnum remained at Lockport, attending school and engaging in youthful occupations until he was 15 years old, when he removed to Ypsilanti, Mich., and was a student in the state normal institution. He commenced the insurance business at Detroit, Mich., and in 1867 came to Elgin. For twelve years he was employed in the watch factory and then left to re-enter the insurance business, his lines being fire and accident, in which he each year writes a great many policies. His selection of companies was carefully made, and reliability and promptness in settlement of losses are their strong features, which makes customers permanent. Incidentally it may be said that Mr. Farnum was one of the earliest if not the first of the Y. M. C. A. Secretaries in Elgin. He lives with his wife at the corner of DuPage and Gifford streets, while his office is in the Home Bank building.

JAMES MEEHAN.

As senior member of the clothing firm of Meehan & Shoemaker, James Meehan is at the head of one of the largest businesses of Elgin. Their store, at 56-58



JAMES MEEHAN

Grove avenue, is the best lighted and largest in the city, having over 5,000 square feet of floor space devoted exclusively to clothing and furnishing goods. Considering that their business was established less than three years ago, the date being March 1, 1901, the success attending their efforts has been little short of remarkable.

Mr. Meehan has devoted fourteen years of his life to the clothing business. He was born in Elgin June 1, 1865, and has a liberal education. On leaving the public schools he attended St. Charles College, Baltimore, and St. Viateur's College, near Kankakee, Ill., and then, by actual experience, fitted himself for a mercantile career.

From the first his firm has handled only the better grades of fine clothing and furnishings, and success was instantaneous. Trade has grown until at the present time it is second to none in Elgin.

The subject of this sketch is a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters, is married, and has two sons.

CHARLES G. SHOEMAKER.

Chas. G. Shoemaker is well known as one of the enterprising and progressive young business men of Elgin. He has been identified with the clothing trade for many years, so that he understands it from bottom up, and added to this is a pleasing personality that makes all acquaintances firm friends—surely a very valuable asset. Born at Paola, Kansas, Jan. 15, 1869, he came to Elgin in 1892, and his entire business life has been in connection with clothing. He was edu-



CHARLES G. SHOEMAKER

cated in the public schools of Paola. On March 1, 1901, in company with James Meehan, he established the firm of Meehan & Shoemaker, clothiers, and at once secured an excellent patronage, their store being located at 56-58 Grove ave-

nue. Mr. Shoemaker has a wife and one daughter, their home being at 565 Douglas avenue. The Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen are all glad to call him brother.

FRANCIS W. WRIGHT.

The late Francis Worcester Wright, who died June 5, 1901, left a name for probity and uprightness that is a heritage



FRANCIS W. WRIGHT

of great value to his posterity. He was a native of Lancaster, Grafton county, New Hampshire, where he was born in July, 1823. He learned the trade of millwright and came to Elgin in 1844, engaging the same year with A. Hadlock, the pioneer threshing machine manufacturer of this place, remaining with him thirteen years. In 1847 he married Asintha Lester, daughter of Edward Lester, who settled in DuPage county in 1835 and hence ranks as one of its pioneers.

Mr. Wright became a farmer in 1862, his place being a 200-acre tract a little east of Elgin on the Villa street road. There he and his wife and adopted daughter,

who became Mrs. W. Charlotte Hadlock, resided. In 1898, he disposed of his farm and with his wife moved to a handsome home on Douglas avenue, Elgin. He had been a successful farmer and had accumulated a competency. Liberal and public spirited he was a valued citizen and as such his death was deeply deplored. In politics he was a Republican and in religion a Universalist.

PETER LARSON.

Peter Larson, mason contractor, was born in Sweden in 1865, and attended the public schools of that country. He was afterwards apprenticed to a stone cutter in his native country and worked at the trade four years. In 1887 he came to Elgin and learned the trade of stone mason while in the employ of Andrew Magnus. Mr. Larson has been successful in



PETER LARSON

his business and does a large amount of contract work each year. He is married, has five children, and resides at 528 Ashland avenue. Mr. Larson is a member of the Modern Woodmen.

E. H. WELLINGHOFF.

E. H. Wellinghoff first saw the light of day at Baltimore, Maryland. He attended Zion Private School in Baltimore, and Rock Hill College, one of the fine



E. H. WELLINGHOFF

educational institutions of Maryland. He became translator for the Baltimore "Wecker," a prominent German daily paper, and after giving up that position came west where he accepted a position at the Illinois Northern Hospital for the Insane. He remained at the institution nineteen years, being supervisor, bookkeeper and afterwards head clerk and purveyor. After resigning from his position at the asylum he became eastern representative of the D. E. Wood Butter Company, with headquarters at New York City. In 1896 he accepted a position with W. W. Sherwin and has been connected with him since in the manufacture of butter, condensed milk and similar articles. Mr. Wellinghoff is also Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Northern Hospital for the Insane.

He is prominent in the Masonic order and was the organizer and founder of Elgin lodge of Elks and has been its Secretary since its establishment. He has been a resident of Elgin since 1874.

Mr. Wellinghoff is a widower and has four children. He resides at 480 Division street.

EDWARD C. MOORE.

Edward C. Moore, D. D. S., was born in Elgin, December 3, 1873, and received his education in the public schools of Elgin and at Northwestern University of Dental Surgery. He was employed by the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company from 1893 to 1895, and was with the Elgin Coffee Growers' Association in Mexico for a year or more. He was not pleased with the people and



DR. EDWARD C. MOORE

the climate in Mexico and resigned. Returning to Elgin he entered the law office of Fisher & Mann where he remained two years and then took a position with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Rail-

way Company, where he remained until 1899. He then completed his education in dentistry and has enjoyed a successful practice in this city since. He has suite 24 Home Bank Block for offices. Dr. Moore is married and resides at 237 Villa street.

JOHN W. SEYMOUR.

John W. Seymour of 165 North Gifford street, Elgin, came of English parentage from Yates county, New York, where he was born March 3, 1833. He



JOHN W. SEYMOUR

was 9 years old when he accompanied his father's family to Illinois, their first home in the west being at Miller's Grove, Barrington township. In 1869 he moved to Barrington, where for a time he was a partner of A. K. Townsend in merchandising. In 1873 he changed his residence to Elgin. In 1882 with his wife he visited several European countries, and one result of the trip was the purchase of fifteen head of Percheron horses, which were the nucleus of an extensive breed-

ing establishment here, and, in company with his son, William H., in Texas. Their place, the Concho Valley Stock Ranch, was near San Angelo.

Mr. Seymour was active in organizing the Elgin National Bank, in which he was a director, and which has been successful from the beginning. He was a school trustee while a resident of Barrington, and at present is administrator of the estate of his brother, Harvey Seymour, who died Oct. 12, 1903. He was twice married, his first wife, who was Miss Emily L. Wood of Volo, Ill., dying July 31, 1897. His present wife was the widow of the late Wesley T. Corron.

PAUL KEMLER, SR.

Paul Kemler, Sr., one of the most prominent and popular of the older citizens and retired business men of Elgin, was born in Germany Oct. 28, 1837, and received his education in the public schools. He was apprenticed to a tanner and mastered the trade there. He came to America and located in Chicago in 1856, where he worked at his trade. In June, 1861, when the country was confronted with the dark and bloody Civil war, the patriotism of this sturdy and stout-hearted young man asserted itself, and out of devotion to the land of his adoption he and three brothers enlisted at Chicago, in response to Lincoln's first call for troops. He joined the 24th Illinois Volunteer infantry, and did service under General Grant, who was then Colonel of the 21st Illinois. He served two years in the field and was wounded at Perrysville, Kentucky, October 8, 1862, and was discharged March 26, 1864, at Murfreesboro, Ten-In 1869 he was appointed a patrolman on the Chicago police force and served four years. During the Chicago fire there was much strenuous duty to perform and those who know Mr.

Kemler are well aware that he did his plain duty unflinchingly and bravely. In 1872 he came to Elgin and rented the Washington house, which he managed



PAUL KEMLER, SR.

successfully for seventeen years, enjoying a large patronage and accumulating a large competency. There was always good cheer and a pleasant greeting at his hotel and he made a reputation for honesty and integrity throughout the county that carried with it the respect of all. He disposed of his hotel to his son, Paul Kemler, Jr., the present proprietor.

In 1865 he married Miss Wilhelmie Damisch of Elgin, who died in 1883. Eleven children were born to them, of which seven are living.

Mr. Kemler is a veteran Odd Fellow, having joined the order in 1859. He takes a deep interest in the order and when a German lodge was organized in Elgin it was named "Paul lodge" in honor of Mr. Kemler.

He has a pleasant home on South Raymond street.

L. E. PALM.

L. E. Palm, of 208 Kimball street, is among the leading mason contractors of northern Illinois and the many important buildings erected by him in Elgin and vicinity bear evidence of his skill and reliability.

He was born in Sweden, where he attended the public schools, coming to America in 1881 and to Elgin three years later. He first worked for Contractor Andrew Magnus as a brick mason, continuing with him for seven years, then starting in business for himself. He is a skilled workman and thoroughly understands the best methods of construction of large buildings. Among the more important structures erected by him here and in this neighborhood are the following: Fauber factory, Elgin Shirt factory, Silver Plate factory, addition to the Illinois



L. E. PALM

Watch Case factory, G. M. Peck's store, T. McBride's business block, Mutzelberg store, D. Goldforb's store, James Meenagh's store, the Magnus flats, the McBride flats, the Gail Borden Public Li-

brary, St. Mary's Catholic church, Presbyterian church at Marengo, Lutheran church at Geneva, school building at Hampshire, the Brethren Publishing house, the extensive plant of the D. C. Cook Publishing Company, and the new receiving vault at Bluff City cemetery. Mr. Palm is married and has a family of four sturdy boys. He is a member of the Maccabees and an Odd Fellow.

C. FRED VOLSTORFF.

C. Fred Volstorff, now engaged in the fire and tornado insurance business at room 5, Y. M. C. A. block, is among the best known and leading business men of



C. FRED VOLSTORFF

the city. He was born June 6, 1847, at Heydenhoff, county of Demmin, Province of Ponmern, Germany. There he attended the country schools and took private instruction in Latin. At the age of 15 years he commenced as copyist and bookkeeper in an office at Cartlow, Germany. From April, 1866, until April, 1872, he

was connected with the firm of Kohn Bros., at Elgin, leaving there to take a position as vardman with G. B. Raymond & Son, lumber dealers. He later operated a meat market in conjunction with his brother, F. A. Volstorff, now deceased, and on March 1, 1890, sold out his interests to his two brothers. In the spring of 1891 he started in the insurance business and has met with no small measure of success. Since coming to America Elgin has been his home, the family residence being at 220 Franklin street, where he resides with his wife. Mr. Volstorff has held several public offices. In 1880 he was appointed enumerator of United States census, in 1882 was chosen a member of the Board of Education, in 1883 was elected to represent his ward in the City Council, and from 1892 to 1896 served as Supervisor from Elgin on the Kane county board. Mr. Volstorff is Secretary of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Society and is a man highly esteemed for his strict integrity and keen business judgment.

F. A. VOLSTORFF.

Born October 4, 1842, in Wilhelminenthal, county of Demmin, Province of Pommern, Germany; died in Elgin, April 9, 1901. Such is the span of F. A. Volstorff's life, but it does not tell the whole story.

Mr. Volstorff was educated in the country schools of his native place and in 1866 emigrated to America. For two years he worked on a farm near Fayville, in this county, and then for Kohn Bros., in their Elgin meat market, from the spring of 1868 until New Year's, 1875, when with his brother, C. Fred Volstorff, he opened a market at 52 Douglas avenue, later being at 50. In the fall of 1879 they moved into their building at 17 River street.

In the spring of 1870 he was married, and from that day until death lived at 52 Water street. Seven children blessed the



F. A. VOLSTORFF

union: Bertha Rose, Frank H., F. G., W. C., Tillie, Louise, and Lydia, all residing at Elgin.

CHAS. VOLSTORFF.

Chas. Volstorff was born Jan. 27, 1845, in Heydenhoff, Pommern, Germany, and after attending the country school came to America in 1866. At first he found employment on a farm, continuing this work for two and one-half years. Then he went to Council Bluffs, Ia., where he was for a time fireman on the Union Pacific railroad. Returning to Elgin he learned the mason's trade and helped build many of the residences and other structures of Elgin, including the Illinois Northern Hospital for the Insane. erected one of the first houses in the southwestern part of the city, and has lived at 211 Orchard street, his present home, for thirty-four years.

In 1881 he tried an occupation that was new to him—namely, the meat business, with his brother. In 1896 he purchased the interest of his brother and conducted the market alone until Oct. 1, 1899, when he sold a half interest to his son, H. H. Volstorff. Their market is at 11 North State street.



CHAS. VOLSTORFF

Mr. Volstorff was married to Ernstine Beth in 1871, and to them were born seven daughters and one son.

CHARLES W. LEHMANN.

Charles W. Lehmann, whose residence is at 16 North Jackson street, Elgin, is one of the rising young attorneys of the city. He was born at Roxbury, Mass., Dec. 3, 1874, and when quite young came west with his parents, locating in Elgin. Mr. Lehmann laid well the foundations for a legal life. After attending the public schools of Elgin he was in turn a student at Elgin Academy, Lake Forest Academy and the Kent College of Law, Chicago, and he also had the advantages

of studying abroad, taking a course in law at Heidelberg University. Thus equipped for his chosen life work he first practiced in Chicago, being connected with the



CHAS. W. LEHMANN

offices of Henry M. Coburn and Israel Cowen, and later with the firm of Pam, Donnelly & Glennon. A few years ago he opened an office on Chicago street, Elgin, and is getting his share of legal business. He is a member of Elgin lodge, No. 117, A. F. and A. M., and of Columbian Knights, No. 23. His family consists of a wife and son.

J. F. TETZNER.

J. F. Tetzner has for many years, or to be more explicit, since he was twelve years of age, been closely identified with the musical life of Elgin. His love of and talent for music is inherited, his father, the late Henry J. Tetzner, having been for years one of Elgin's foremost musicians and a most successful director and conductor of bands.

J. F. Tetzner was born in Elgin May 1, 1868, and received his education in the public schools. At an early age his tal-

ent for music manifested itself and he was given every assistance and encouragement by his father. Later, he studied the violin for ten years under Carl Becker, Wm. Pfehl and other Chicago masters, and by the hardest kind of work and the most painstaking efforts lifted himself into the front rank of violinists. For the past seven years he has been director of the Elgin Military Band, and it is largely due to his ability as a leader and his energy and perseverance that this band is now recognized as one of the finest concert bands in the state.

Mr. Tetzner is Secretary of the Excelsior Creamery Co., also a member of the



J. F. TETZNER

firm of Bernard & Tetzner, dealers in pianos. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen and Elks, and lives with his wife at 518 Chicago street.

THOMAS E. PERKINS.

Thomas E. Perkins, born and reared in Elgin, is one of the young men who have made their mark in the world of music and aided not a little in making Elgin known as a musical center. With him symphony

is a second nature and a liberal education has rounded out the genius implanted by his Creator.

Mr. Perkins was born Oct. 28, 1872.



THOMAS E. PERKINS

While attending school at Elgin Academy and afterwards Wheaton, Ill., College he was not neglecting his education along harmonic lines, and so when he finished at Wheaton and began at the Metropolitan College of New York City (in which he received a scholarship for organ playing, in 1894) he was already a musician of acknowledged ability. He graduated from that institution in 1897. Previous to this he had filled important posi-He was organist at St. James' Church, Milwaukee, Wis., in 1892; at Broome Street Tabernacle, New York City, in 1895; Congregational Church of South Norwalk, Conn., in 1896. Other engagements were: Organist at the Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn, N. Y., 1897; Pro-Cathedral, New York City, 1899-1901.

In the summer of 1895 he studied church music and choir training in Eng-

land, and in 1902 he returned to Elgin, where he is teacher of piano, organ, and theory of music, besides being organist and director of the choir of the First Congregational Church. He is President of the Key Note Club, an organization composed of musicians of recognized ability, and resides at 409 Division street.

RALPH McCARTHY.

Ralph McCarthy, the well known jobber in masonry and cement work and sewer contractor, has been located in Elgin since 1894. He was born at West Hartlepool, England, April 2, 1867. There he spent the first twenty years of his life and after receiving an education in the public schools was apprenticed to Wm. Gray & Co., a firm of iron ship builders, serving four and one-half years as a plater. On August 30, 1887, he sailed



RALPH McCARTHY

for the United States, thinking that this country offered better opportunities to ambitious and progressive young men. He first located at Joliet, Ill., where he

learned the bricklayers' trade with James Smith. In 1894 he came to Elgin and since 1895 has been in the jobbing business. His motto now, as when he started, he says is "Not how cheap, but how good," and his strict adherence to this rule has been responsible in no small degree for the success he has attained. He now does work for the leading firms and citizens of Elgin.

He is also known as "Elgin's Smoke Expert." He has studied the drafts of chimneys for ten years and never fails to remedy any fault. He was married in 1893 to Elsie M. Lowe of Algonquin and they have a family of four interesting children. The family home is at 302 Percy street, near National and Villa streets.

DR. CARLTON E. STARRETT.

Among the leading medical practitioners of the city is Carlton E. Starrett, M. D. He was born at Alma, Maine, and removed to Chicago in 1871. In the latter city he attended the public schools and later graduated from Wheaton College, Bennett Medical College and Rush Medical College. He was thoroughly educated in his profession and commenced practice in Chicago. In 1886 he located in Elgin, where he has since continuously practiced, and from the first was very successful. His practice is extensive and his first consideration is always his patients' welfare. His offices are at 23 South Spring street. During the past few years Dr. Starrett has spent some time in travel in this country and abroad, and during the Spanish-American war he entered his country's service and saw duty as surgeon throughout the strife. He accompanied Colonel Bennitt's regiment to Porto Rico and his services were of inestimable value to the soldiers of this section of the state. Soon after the close of the Spanish-American war he was tentered a commission as surgeon in the Philippines but declined to accept.

Dr. Starrett is Surgeon General of the Spanish-American War Veterans of Illinois and Captain Surgeon of the Third Regiment, I. N. G. He has been connected with this regiment since 1889.



DR. CARLTON E. STARRETT

With his wife and three children, Carl, Kathleen and David, he resides in a handsome home at 571 Center street. Dr. Starrett is a member of the Chicago Press Club.

WILLIAM TAYLOR.

William Taylor was born in New York state and attended the public schools. He first engaged in the dry goods business in 1876, in which he continued as manager until 1889, when he removed to Elgin, where he has done a successful business since. He represents the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company, having offices and storerooms at 19 S. Spring street. His reputation as a business man is unexcelled and he enjoys the confi-

dence of the large manufacturing concern that he represents and of the business men of the city, as well as of all with whom he does business.



WILLIAM TAYLOR

Mr. Taylor is married and has two daughters. He resides at 210 Division street and is a prominent member of the Gounod Club.

JACOB D. RICKERT.

Not only as a veteran of the Civil war is Jacob D. Rickert remembered, but as a veteran of the Elgin National Watch factory, for few men could boast of so long and honorable a connection with the mammoth works as he. Born May 25, 1838, in Schuylkill county, Pa., he came west about 1848 with his parents, locating at Geneva, Ill., where his father followed the occupation of his eastern home, that of farming. From Geneva his places of residence were, successively, at Elmhurst, Bloomingdale, Wheaton, and Naperville, all four in DuPage county. At Naperville his father died in 1878.

Mr. Rickert secured most of his schooling at Geneva. He became a soldier at St. Charles, Sept. 16, 1861, when he enlisted in Co. D, 8th Ill. cavalry, and participated in all the engagements until after the battle of Williamsburg, Va., in 1863. While foraging he was captured by the rebels and for a month was confined in the infamous Libby prison at Richmond, Va., from which he was released on parole. He was discharged from the army in due time and again sought the paths of peace in Illinois.

In 1866 he began work for the Elgin National Watch Company and until incapacitated physically served as stationary engineer. Although ill for about a year previous to his death, which occurred July 9, 1901, so difficult did the company find it to secure an experienced engineer that Mr. Rickert was found at his post from time to time to within a few months of the end.



JACOB D. RICKERT

He was married Jan. 6, 1864, to Miss Harriet A. Smith, a native of Bloomingdale, Ill., who survives him. To them were born four children, Charles A., Judson D., Lillian M., Nellie E. The family residence is at 274 Grove avenue.

Although essentially a home man, Mr. Rickert greatly enjoyed association with his comrades of Veteran Post, 49, G. A. R., and he was a charter member of the Royal League. His funeral was conducted by these organizations.

WILLIAM McMASTER.

William McMaster is among the leading and most representative merchant tailors of our city. None are more competent and expert in this special line than he whose place of business is prominently located in the old postoffice block. Mr. McMaster was born in Glasgow, Scotland, where he learned his trade, came to New York, where he remained four years, came west and established himself in Elgin, where for fifteen years he has met with splendid success since his outset. He is



WM. McMASTER

a skilled and practical tailor and has constantly employed a number of competent tailors. The aim of this popular establishment has not only been to gain custom

but to retain it after being gained, by giving to all the fullest satisfaction. As a citizen Mr. McMaster stands high in the estimation of his fellow men.

J. H. THOMPSON.

J. H. Thompson, since leaving school, has had a good deal of experience as a teacher, newspaper man and life insurance



J. H. THOMPSON

agent. He is in the latter business at present and is making so great a success at it that probably it will be his permanent occupation.

Born at New Diggings, Wis., Aug. 20, 1867, he attended the local school, taught for three years in country schools, and graduated in 1890 from the German-English College, Galena, Ill. He was principal of various Wisconsin high schools and Secretary in 1898 and '99 of the Wisconsin State Teachers' Association. He was employed on the Galena Gazette as traveling correspondent and business agent, taught school again, read law for one year, and in September, 1899,

engaged in life insurance at Dubuque, Ia. He is now director of agencies for the New York Life, having charge of an agency of thirty-five field men.

Mr. Thompson is married, has one son, and resides at 873 Larkin avenue. His office is in the Home Bank block. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen.

T. A. MUNSHAW.

T. A. Munshaw, active member and manager of the firm of Munshaw & Company, was born in Toronto, Canada, Dec. 22, 1857. At the age of three years



T. A. MUNSHAW

the family moved to McHenry county, where he received his education in the public schools of McHenry, after which he went to work in the lumber and feed business. That business gradually led to something better. In 1898 Mr. Munshaw removed to Elgin and engaged in the carriage and implement business, in what is one of the best developed agricultural regions of this section. They handle a full

and complete line of farm implements and specialities, among which may be mentioned McCormick harvesters, Weber wagons and Charter gas engines. This firm occupies commodious quarters necessary to display to advantage the fine line of goods handled, their place of business being at 114 Brook street, where they have been established a number of years. Mr. Munshaw is of that sound, substantial type of men who have recognized Elgin's supremacy as a growing commercial center, and is among those who are helping to demonstrate that this city is one of the most flourishing of its size in this section.

CHARLES F. BECKER.

It is something to be able to say one has the largest shoe store in a county like Kane, which has many emporiums for the sale of footwear, but this is what Charles F. Becker justly claims to have. A glance at his mammoth stock at 100-102 West Chicago street leaves no room for argument.

Mr. Becker is a native of Elgin, born November 15, 1860, and educated here. Beginning as a clerk for John J. Helden in 1878, two years later he took the management of the business which had been purchased by C. H. Woodruff. In 1884 Mr. Becker and H. J. Stelford bought out Mr. Woodruff, and did business as Becker & Stelford for three years. Subsequent changes were:

Mr. Stelford succeeded Mr. Becker; Becker & Sternberg followed Mr. Stelford; the latter succeeded Mr. Sternberg in ownership, and then, until one year ago, Becker & Stelford carried on the trade. Since that time Mr. Becker has been sole owner, and on moving from 116 West Chicago street, to his present location, made many improvements. His business has greatly increased, and looking back over his twenty-five years' experience

there is much to cause satisfaction. He handles the W. L. Douglas and Walk Over shoes for men, the Queen Quality



CHARLES F. BECKER

and Drew-Selby Co. for women and a fine shoe for boys, youths and misses.

Mr. Becker resides at 6 Mallery avenue, his family consisting of a wife and four children. He is a member of Kane lodge No. 47, I. O. O. F., and Treasurer of the Elgin Retail Merchants' and Business Men's Association.

DR. O. A. CHAPPELL.

O. A. Chappell, D. D. S., M. D., is one of the oldest practitioners of dentistry in Elgin, where he opened an office April 4, 1883. That he has seen no reason for changing his location is an evidence that he cast his lines among a congenial people, who appreciate ability and good citizenship and have made pleasure as well as profit an inducement for what bids fair to be a life sojourn on his part.

Dr. Chappell was born at Truax Prairie, near Eau Claire, Wis., Feb. 16, 1862,

his parents being Addison D. Chappell, and Aurelia E. Pease, who are living at Eau Claire. He attended the Eau Claire public school and seminary, the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery in 1883, and in 1902 Rush Medical College, Chicago, taking his degree in medicine from a desire to be more fully informed in a profession akin to the one he was practicing.

May 5, 1886, he was united in marriage to Nellie Baker Mann, daughter of the late S. S. Mann and Caroline Young. They have two children, Ora Mann Chappell, born Feb. 7, 1887, and Rollo Mann Chappell, born Oct. 21, 1889. He is a member of the Illinois State Dental Society, the Northern Illinois Dental



DR. O. A. CHAPPELL

Society, and the Fox River Valley Medical Association. His residence is at 117 Tennyson court, and his office in the Elgin National Bank building.

A. P. MANARD.

A. P. Manard, who does an extensive business in hot water plants, steam heating, plumbing and gas machines, was born in Greenbush, Canada, April 23, 1841. He attended the public schools of his native town and afterwards at Nunda, New York, and Rockton, Illinois. He com-



A. P. MANARD

menced business at Rockford, Illinois, and afterwards removed to this city, where he has an extensive trade, contracting for the placing of his goods, and most of the fine residences of this section have been equipped by him with heating apparatus. He not only covers Elgin, where his present business is established, but covers a large territory, including Winnetka, West Chicago, Rose Hill, Genoa, Marengo, Ashton, Franklin Grove, St. Charles and many other places.

Mr. Manard is single and resides at 1024 Prospect street.

DR. CHARLES A. PIERCE.

Dr. Charles A. Pierce, the veterinary surgeon and dentist, has been established in Elgin for many years and is considered an expert in diseases of horses and cattle. He was born in New York in 1858 and received his education in the schools of Creston, Illinois, later taking a thorough course in the Toronto, Canada, Veterinary College, from which he graduated with honors.

Later he decided to take up veterinary surgery and established himself in Elgin. Dr. Pierce is frequently called to other places to take charge of difficult cases and his opinion is sought by the leading veterinarians of the state. During the epidemic of tuberculosis among cattle, which the state fought so vigorously a few years ago, Dr. Pierce had a prominent part in the investigations and did much to stamp out the disease. For six or eight years Dr. Pierce has served as veterinary inspector for the Borden Condensing factories in this vicinity, visiting all the dairies sup-



DR. CHARLES A. PIERCE

plying the factories at Elgin, Carpentersville, Belvidere, Genoa Junction and Mc-Henry at stated intervals. He is married and with his wife and two daughters resides at 13 Center street.

DR. CLARA L. TODSON.

Dr. Clara L. Todson, now a successful osteopathic physician located in suites 23 and 24 The Spurling, Elgin, was born in Chicago, Dec. 19, 1866.



DR. CLARA L. TODSON

The greater part of her life has been spent in Elgin where she attended the Elgin High School and the Academy. Later she took a course at Berea College, Berea, Kentucky, the Boston Institute of Osteopathy, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Boston, and the American College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Chicago. She graduated with high honors and in 1901 commenced practice as an osteopathic physician in Elgin. Miss Todson taught school from 1885 to 1889. Her first experience in directing the young idea was among the "poor whites" of the Cumberland mountains, Kentucky, the land of moonshine whiskey, feuds, corn pone and bacon diet, rude log schoolhouses and primitive abodes. Later she taught in the Tefft district, on the St. Charles road, and still later in the Elgin public schools. She gave up this

profession to take up stenography, being employed in Chicago, Bridgeport, Conn., New York City and Elgin. In this work, as in teaching, and later in her chosen profession, thoroughness and careful, conscientious effort were distinctive features which contributed much to the success she has achieved.

When the subject of this sketch was two years old the family removed to Bloomingdale, and two years later to Elgin. Dr. Todson is a member of the Archaean Union and the Chicago Osteopathic Society.

RUSSELL WELD.

Russell Weld, a retired business man of this city, was born at Oxford, Grafton county, New Hampshire, June 18, 1824, and received his education at the public



RUSSELL WELD

schools and the academy of that city. He resided at Spencer, Massachusetts, twenty years, and in 1876 removed to this city, where he engaged in the drug business with Dr. Salem E. Weld, a cousin. The

partnership was continued until 1890, when Mr. Weld formed a partnership with Edwin Hall, who is still continuing the business. In 1901 he retired from the duties of an active and long business career. He is a widower and a member of the First M. E. church. Mr. Weld has a pleasant home at 115 College street.

stituted many changes that have proven beneficial to the public.

He was married August 2, 1893, to Miss Eva E. Riplets of Geneva, and they have an interesting family of two boys and three girls.

He is a member of Blackberry lodge, No. 359, A. F. & A. M.

HARRY A. DEAN.

Harry A. Dean was born in East Foxboro, Mass., July 29, 1866. He received his education at the noted Cornell College, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, being a graduate of the class of '91. He then engaged in farming in Carroll county, Iowa, and afterwards followed civil engineering. In 1891 he came to Geneva and was assistant principal of schools until 1893, when he became superintendent of schools of Elburn, where he remained until May of the present year,



HARRY A. DEAN

when he was elected County Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Dean has proven an energetic and efficient official and has in-

FRANK B. CORNELL.

Among the most enterprising and successful of the young business men of the city is Frank B. Cornell, a member of the



FRANK B. CORNELL

firm of Cornell Bros., extensive manufacturers of condensed milk and fine creamery butter and cheese.

He is the youngest son of E. K. W. Cornell and was born in Elgin October 10, 1862. He attended the public schools and later graduated from the Elgin Academy. In 1884 he engaged with Wood & Sherwin, creamerymen, and upon the dissolution of this firm he continued with W. W. Sherwin until 1894, occupying an important position and looking after the

large business interests of Mr. Sherwin. He resigned this position to form a partnership with his brother, C. W. Cornell. Cornell Brothers are among the leaders in the creamery business in the great dairying center of the world. Their plant for condensing milk is located at Huntley, Mr. Cornell married Miss Illinois. Emma Butler, daughter of D. H. Butler, and they have three daughters, Mary Emma, Ethel and Margaret. The family home, one of the most attractive in the city, is at 33 Porter avenue. Mr. Cornell as a Knights Templar, a Knights of Pythias, and is connected with some of the more prominent social organizations of the city.

DR. CHARLES N. HOAGLAND.

Charles N. Hoagland, D. D. S., is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Hoagland, and was born in Elgin, October 4, 1873. He attended the public schools



DR. CHARLES N. HOAGLAND

and took a business course at the Academy. After completing his school work here he attended the Chicago College of

Dental Surgery, taking a three years' course and graduating in 1897. He opened dental parlors in this city and enjoys a large practice among the best people. He is a member of the Northern Illinois Dental Society and of Monitor lodge, A. F. and A. M., of Elgin. He has been identified with the First Congregational church of this city since childhood and is an active member. Dr. Hoagland is married and is now occupying a comfortable new home at 332 Billings street.

HERMAN KIND.

Herman Kind, the President and General Manager of the H. Kind Baking Co., was born in Watertown, Wisconsin, in



HERMAN KIND

1875, and after attending the public schools of that city and the Northwestern University he entered the Chidlow Institute of baking and milling technology. After graduating from this institution he spent three years in Milwaukee, where he completed his education. He came to Elgin five years ago to take charge of Scheele's bakery. He held the position of

superintendent two years, and in 1900 purchased the Scheele bakery, and organized the H. Kind Baking Co., of which reference is made on another page of this work. Mr. Kind is a thorough business man and deserves the success that he has attained.

DR. O. L. PELTON.

O. L. Pelton's name is a household word in Elgin, for as a physician he has passed his "majority" here, arriving in this city July 17, 1882, and practicing his profession here since that time. On the



DR. O. L. PELTON

29th of July, 1851, he was born at Sherman, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he attended the high school. Next he was a student at the University of Michigan, and in 1872 he received the degree of M. D. on completing the medical course of this great institution of learning. Some time subsequently he spent a year in Bellevue hospital, New York, and another year at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. It will be seen that his education

was thorough and that although when he began to heal diseases at Elburn, Kane county, Ill., June 1, 1872, he was well equipped, his later studies were of great value to him. For ten years and one month he remained at Elburn, and then removed to Elgin, where a wider field opened up larger possibilities. His practice, because of his broad acquaintance, was extensive from the start, and all these years he has been a very busy man.

Dr. Pelton was married to Miss Anna L. Frarey May 7, 1879, in Chicago. They have four children, O. L. Pelton, Jr., Mary F. Pelton, Lura A. Pelton, and Helen L. Pelton. Their residence is at 214 South State street, Elgin.

With lodges and societies Dr. Pelton is affiliated as follows:

The Fox River Valley Medical Society, the Chicago Medical Society, the State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association, Bethel Commandery, Knights Templar. He took his first degree of Masonry at Cannongate, Kilwinny lodge, of Edinburgh, Scotland, and his chapter and commandery degrees in Elgin.

THOMAS H. FOSTER.

Thomas H. Foster, for many years one of the prominent business men of Elgin and Chicago, was a native of England, where he spent the earlier years of his life. In 1864 he came to Kane county and engaged in the milling business at what was known as Clintonville, now South Elgin. In 1867 he removed to Elgin, retaining his milling business at South Elgin. After many years of business there, he disposed of his property interests and engaged in business on the Chicago Board of Trade, being one of the members of the arbitration committee and afterwards chief grader and inspector of the cereal products and chairman of the arbitration The position is one of great committee.

responsibility and Mr. Foster ably filled it until a short time before his death when he was obliged by ill health to resign.



THOMAS H. FOSTER

He was interested in public affairs and served as Alderman in the City Council, being repeatedly re-elected and being one of the leaders.

He was married and left a widow with four sons and one daughter at his death. which occurred at his home in this city June 9, 1898. Mr. Foster was a member of the Masonic fraternity and a genial and popular gentleman, a kind neighbor and friend. The family home is at 411 South street.

W. M. ANDREWS.

W. M. Andrews, the well known wagon builder and blacksmith, was born in Elgin April 6, 1861, and attended the public schools. He established his present business at 130 and 132 River street in 1886, and is the oldest in his line in the city. Mr. Andrews, as a workman, is known throughout this vicinity, and his customers consist of the best men of the

Fox River valley, who rely on his judgment and skill. He was the first to introduce modern improvements in his line. Mr. Andrews is known not only for his skill as a workman, but he is considered among the best if not the best wing and trap shot. He wears the gold badge of the Elgin Rifle Club, having won it in a series of hard contests with the rifle. He is a member of the Elgin Trades Council, being a delegate from the Blacksmith's union, and Past President of that Order. He is also Past President of the Home Forum Society, Executive Officer of the Elgin Gun Club, Past Chief Templar and State Delegate of the Good Templars and County Secretary of the same. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen and



W. M. ANDREWS

the Reserve Life Insurance Association. Mr. Andrews is married and has three children. He resides at 307 Douglas avenue.

PHIL SCHICKLER, JR.

In Elgin a very prominent manufacturer and dealer in high grade cigars and tobacco is Mr. Phil Schickler, Jr., pro-

prietor of the Popular Cigar Store, located at 15 Chicago street. Mr. Schickler was born in Aurora, Illinois, in 1868. At the age of 15 years he embarked with his



PHIL SCHICKLER, JR.

father in the cigar business, later coming to Elgin, where he engaged in business for himself. His factory is at Aurora, where are manufactured nearly all of the large line of cigars to be seen in his show case, and his goods have become very popular, as his large patronage indicates. He is an energetic business man and well esteemed citizen and is well deserving of the large patronage from the public which he gets. Mr. Schickler is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Elks and Woodmen, and resides at 59 Park Row.

DR. ARTHUR B. STURM.

Dr. Arthur B. Sturm is one of the youngest physicians of Elgin, but he has had a wide experience. Born July 8, 1874, in Chicago, he attended the North Division high school, and subsequently earned degrees as follows:

Northwestern University, 1893, Ph. G.; Northwestern University, 1895, Ph. C.; Rush Medical College, 1899, M. D.

He was instructor in botany and pharmacognosy in Northwestern University School of Pharmacy in 1894, instructor in chemistry in the same institution in 1895, and interne at the German hospital, Chicago, in 1899 and 1900. He removed from Chicago to Elgin in April, 1900, opening an office, which he has maintained. He was appointed Elgin City Physician in 1903.

He is a member of the Phi Xi and Phi Rho Epsilon fraternities, Skull and Serpent Medical fraternity, Elks, Elgin Country Club, Fox River Valley Medical Society, Columbian Knights, Elgin Physicians' Club, etc. He was married in 1899 to Miss Leota Thompson of Oconto, Wis., and has three children, his home being at 141 Porter avenue.



DR. ARTHUR B. STURM

Dr. Sturm takes a high rank, not only as a physician but as a citizen and public spirited gentleman, whose ability is generally recognized.

WILLIAM F. LYNCH.

William F. Lynch, the present County Clerk, was born in Elgin, where he grew to manhood, attending the public schools. He was born Nov. 20, 1865, and is a son



WILLIAM F. LYNCH

of the late General W. F. Lynch, who was among our foremost lawyers and citizens and who repeatedly distinguished himself for gallantry and bravery during the War of the Rebellion, and who was a brigadier general in the regular army at the time of his death. Mr. Lynch is an unassuming young man who is known to all of our residents, both old and young. He was for years a letter carrier and was elected Town Collector when scarcely eligible to the office on account of his age. Last year he received the Republican nomination for County Clerk and was elected to the office without opposition, receiving one of the largest number of votes ever cast for any candidate in the county. That he fills the office well and creditably is not gainsaid by anyone. He is unmarried and resides at 318 Mountain street. Mr. Lynch is a consistent member of the Catholic church and is a conscientious young man of correct habits and principles.

LEON D. NISH.

Leon D. Nish is one of the best known and most prosperous young business men of the west side. He is a son of the late John Nish, a highly respected citizen and merchant, and was born at Cary, Mc-Henry county, Illinois, October 11, 1865. He attended the public schools of Elgin, to which place the family moved when he was quite young, and graduated from the High School. He then attended Carleton College at Northfield, Minnesota. During his childhood and youth he assisted his father in the hardware business in Elgin when not in school, and in 1890, with his brother, William H., succeeded to the business which has since been suc-



LEON D. NISH

cessfully conducted by them at 13 North State street. He is of a high sense of honor and bears an enviable reputation among his associates, both in business and in social life. Mr. Nish has often been urged to become a candidate for office but has refused. He is President of the Retail Merchants' and Business Men's Association of Elgin and Secretary of the Hardware Dealers' Association of Illinois and is Deputy County Clerk. Mr. Nish is a member of the Knights of the Globe. He is married, has a son and daughter, and resides at 216 Hamilton avenue.

FRANK E. GEORGE.

Frank E. George, of Batavia, has been identified with the business and political affairs of the county for many years and is well known to nearly all of the residents



FRANK E. GEORGE

of Elgin. He was born at Strafford, Vermont, October 14, 1856, and the family removed to Batavia in 1865. He attended the public schools of Batavia and Northwestern Business College at Naperville, Illinois. After leaving college he engaged in the restaurant and grocery business in

Batavia in 1876, and remained a successful merchant until 1896, when he was elected County Recorder, an office he has ably and successfully filled for eight years. He had previously been Supervisor of Batavia township several terms and was among the most efficient members of the County Congress. Mr. George is President of the Business Men's Association of Batavia, President of the East Batavia Board of Education and President of the State Association of Circuit Clerks and Recorders. He is one of the standard bearers of the Republican party in this county. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., Masonic Order and the Woodmen. Mr. George is married and has three children. He resides at 57 Prairie street, Batavia.

JAMES POWELL, JR.

James Powell, Jr., manager of the Kane County Title and Trust Company, was born and reared at Aurora, and is a graduate of the East Aurora High School. He was for several years actively engaged in the insurance and real estate business and is still a member of the firm. Mr. Powell is one of the enterprising young business men of the county and has an extensive acquaintance. He is considered standard authority on real estate and titles. He is unmarried and resides at 108 South Fourth street, Aurora.

MAJOR BENJ. E. GOULD.

The late Major Benj. E. Gould, who with his wife perished in the Iroquois theatre fire on Randolph street in Chicago December 30th, 1903, was one of the best known and most popular young men of the county. He was born in Hanover, Cook county, May 12th, 1871, and attended the district school. His parents removed to Elgin, where he attended the public schools and Elgin Academy.

Ben, as he was familiarly known to all, became well acquainted with the business men and with the employes of the watch factory. When a small boy he carried a route for a daily paper and by his promptness, energy and pleasant manner won the friendship of all his subscribers; under his management the route, which was insignificant in the start, soon became the largest in the city.

The characteristics that he showed when a boy predominated throughout life.



BENJAMIN E. GOULD

After he left school he was employed for a time as a clerk in his father's grocery; afterwards working in the watch factory. He was given a position in the postoffice and within six months was made moneyorder clerk, where he remained three and a half years. He then became Clerk of the Probate Court of Kane county, which office he filled for six years. For several months prior to making the assessment for 1898 he was Deputy County Clerk, acting as Clerk of the Probate and County Courts of Kane county.

Three years ago he was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court, which position he filled until his death. He is the son of L. J. Gould, a veteran of the Civil war, and when a small boy became a drummer in Co. E, Third Regiment, I. N. G., and was successively promoted through all the ranks to that of Major. During the war with Spain he was Captain of Co. E, and by his energy, executive ability, consideration and kindly ways endeared himself to his men as but few officers have been able to do. He was prominent socially, in military circles and in all movements of public interest. The same activity, integrity, earnestness and adaptibility to circumstances that he showed when a boy marked his course through life. His genial manner, frankness and perfect honesty were the predominating features of his character. No man could be missed more by the whole people than Major Gould. He left a daughter, Dorothy, three and a half years of age. He was a member of the M. W. A., Royal League, I. O. O. F., K. P., Elks, the Spanish-American War Veterans, Sons of Veterans, Archaean Union, the Elgin Patriotic Memorial Association, and other organizations.

COLONEL J. B. CAUGHEY.

Colonel J. B. Caughey, whose home is at 423 S. Liberty street, has had considerable of a military career, and has served in various positions with decided credit to himself. Epitomized, his history looks like this:

Born in Belfast, Ireland.

Came to America and Elgin in 1872.

Attended the public schools.

Worked in the Elgin Watch factory. Drummer boy in Co. E, 3d Infantry, I.

N. G., March 23, 1883.

Passed through all the grades, including Major.

Served in the Spanish-American war, participating in the Porto Rican campaign as Major 3d Ill. Vol.

Captain in 39th infantry, U. S. volunteers, going to the Philippines, where he arrived Dec. 7, 1899.



COLONEL J. B. CAUGHEY

Was in thirteen battles in all.

Regiment mustered out of service

Regiment mustered out of service May 6, 1901.

At present inspector general of 3d brigade, I. N. G., with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Col. Caughey is a born soldier, and from his enlistment as a drummer lost no time in acquiring a knowledge of rules and tactics, which explains his rapid promotion.

In the Philippines he distinguished himself in securing the surrender of many insurgents, who on laying down their arms took the oath of allegiance to the United States. His company marched, in scouting and in campaign, 1952 miles.

Col. Caughey is unmarried, and is employed in the watch factory. He is a member of Monitor lodge, No. 522, A.

F. and A. M.; Loyal L. Munn Chapter, No. 96, R. A. M.; Bethel Commandery, No. 36, K. T.; Abdallah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Leavenworth, Kan.; Silver Leaf camp, No. 60, M. W. A., and Edward A. York camp, No. 96, S. A. W. V.

DR. HUGH H. WEST.

Dr. Hugh H. West was born March 18, 1870, at Waupaca, Wisconsin, where he spent his early childhood. When 12 years of age he moved with his parents to Brookings county, S. D. He attended the South Dakota Agricultural College, the Iowa State College, the University of Iowa, the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College, the Harvey Medical College, and the Illinois College of Osteopathy. He graduated from the pharmacy and scientific departments of the South Dakota Agricultural College, the scientific course



DR. HUGH H. WEST

of the Iowa State College, attended the medical department of the University of Iowa, is a graduate from the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College, from the Harvey Medical College and from the Illinois College of Osteopathy. He first started practice at Oak Park, Illinois, and for some years has been in Elgin where he is among the leaders in his profession as physician and osteopath, suites 17 and 18 The Spurling. His specialty is chronic and nervous diseases and in this line he has achieved marked success. To aid in the treatment of these diseases he has equipped his office with the most modern and complete electrical and X-ray apparatus. Dr. West is married and resides at 373 Chicago street. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and is a member and medical examiner for the Yeomen of America.

C. H. GEISTER.

C. H. Geister, whose home is at 411 North State street, Elgin, was born in Germany, Aug. 24, 1831. In his native



C. H. GEISTER

land he learned the trade of vessel building, and followed it several years. Then he came to America, in 1856, locating

first in Plum Grove, Ill. He was engaged in farming for twelve years and then removed to Elgin and from 1868 to 1872 he conducted a general store. In 1872 he returned to Germany for a visit. Five years later he purchased the agricultural implement manufactory of Messrs. Bierman, Echs, Rust & Gronburg, which he carried on until 1883, at which time fire burned him out. From 1883 till 1885 he was a windmill manufacturer, in company with Messrs. Nichols and Murphy. The enterprise was incorporated in 1885, and Mr. Geister was the manager for about two years. In 1895 he purchased of Simon Kiltz the lumber business on North State street, and added to his line that of coal. In these two commodities he has established a large and growing trade. He served for two years in the City Council.

Mr. Geister has twice been married, and has ten children.

BERNARD HARTLEY.

Bernard Hartley, of the Hartley-Rispin Electric Manufacturing Company, was born Aug. 5, 1856, in Quebec, Canada. He took up the electric business in the early years of its history. Mr. Hartley started in the service of the United States Electric Lighting Company of Newark, N. J., and after a period of two and one-half years with this company he went to Pittsburg, Pa., and took charge of the electrical department of a new industry taken up by George Westinghouse and what has since been known as the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company. Filling this position with entire satisfaction for more than six years he was sent to London, England, primarily to succeed another in the installation of a 30,000 light electric station, in that city. This project having fallen through he returned to America after an absence of two years, after which he was sent to

Telluride, Col., to operate the first high tension alternating plant ever erected in this country for transmitting electricity over long distances, which demonstrated



BERNARD HARTLEY

the practicability and was the forerunner of what has since become one of the largest fields of operation in the varied applications of the invisible fluid. After meeting with universal success in that city and many others he resigned his position and started business for himself in Chicago, afterward moving his business of repairing dynamos and motors and manufacturing to Elgin where he has one of the most progressive trades of the city.

F. A. RISPIN.

F. A. Rispin was born in Petroha, Ont., Canada, May 6, 1875, where he attended public school, after which he learned the machinist trade in New York, where he met with every success in his line of work. He afterward came to Elgin and worked as machinist and chief

engineer for twelve years, recently going into business for himself at 67-69 State street. Mr. Rispin is a dealer in steam and water supplies, pumps, heaters and all kinds of repairing tools, etc. He also has a finely equipped shop where he executes all kinds of general machine work and repairing, and is a very extensive builder of motors. Extra machines, armatures and commutators will always be available to his customers in case of accident. The field in this line of trade has heretofore been somewhat neglected and the credit of taking the initiatory step along these lines must therefore be ac-



F. A. RISPIN-

corded to this house, and its unrivaled connections enable it to quote prices and defy competition. This firm is known as the Hartley-Rispin Electric Mfg. Co.

DR. S. P. BROWN.

One of the oldest and most successful practitioners in Elgin is Dr. S. P. Brown. He located in this city many years ago, coming from Palatine, Cook county, Ill.,

where he had established a very large practice. One of the best evidences of the regard in which his patients have always held him is that after his removal to Elgin



DR. S. P. BROWN

the people of Palatine followed him when in need of professional services. His fluency in speaking the German tongue was and is a great advantage. Dr. Brown was born at Concord, New Hampshire. He attended the Warrenville Academy, Wheaton, Ill., College and Rush Medical College, Chicago. He has never been engaged in any occupation excepting the practice of medicine and surgery, in which he has met signal success. He has a wife and three children, their residence being 402 Spring street. He is a member of the Masonic Consistory, Chicago.

JOHN C. REDEKER.

John C. Redeker was born in Cook county, near Chicago, November 3, 1849. At that time his parents were living in the basement of a rude structure known as a dug-out. The first few years of his

life were spent there and later they removed to this vicinity. After coming here Mr. Redeker attended Elgin Academy, where he labored hard to acquire as much knowledge as possible. His entire school life consisted of three hundred days and with the aid of study at home he succeeded in attaining a fairly good education. Mr. Redeker engaged in contracting and building and was for five years traveling representative of a large agricultural manufactory. He has acquired a competency and has ever been held in esteem by his fellow men. While residing on the farm he held the offices of Highway Commissioner and School Trustee, and he is now ex-Alderman from the fifth ward. In politics he advocates the best man for the place and he is and always has been a practical temperance man. In religion he is a Methodist and he is active in church and Sabbath school



JOHN C. REDEKER

work and is President of the board of trustees of Epworth Church. He has been Vice President of the Kane County Sabbath School Association, and has been a prominent church worker during the past thirty-two years. He is now a Past Vice President and Director of the Y. M. C. A. and a Mason.

Mr. Redeker was married March 6, 1873, and has seven children, three sons and four daughters. He has a handsome home at 644 St. Charles street.

JOHN A. WRIGHT.

John A. Wright, carpenter and contractor, was born in Muskegon county,



JOHN A. WRIGHT

Michigan, in 1857, and left there when two years of age. In 1860 he came to Elgin and attended the public schools and Elgin Academy. His father, the late Joseph Wright, was a wood turner and worker here many years. His son learned the carpenter's trade with Smith Hoag, being afterwards employed by Russell & Kirkpatrick. In 1886 he engaged in the contracting business and continued until 1903 alone. He then admitted H. F. Foster to partnership. He has erected all

of the fire stations but one in this city and has built many fine business blocks and residences, including the Peck block, the homes of Mrs. M. W. Hawes, I. C. Towner, Hiram Thomas and E. F. Gooding. The firm now has under construction the Masonic Temple, the fine residences of Gus Anderson, Dr. Campbell and many others. Mr. Wright was married to Miss F. Ella Gardner, of Chicago, in 1880. They have a son and daughter. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Royal Arcanum, Woodmen, Archaean Union and Eastern Star. The family home is at 62 Walnut avenue, where he has resided since he was four years of age.

H. F. FOSTER.

H. F. Foster, contractor and builder, is a native of Wauconda, Lake county, Illinois, having been born in 1857. He attended the Wauconda Academy and engaged in farming until 22 years old. In



H. F. FOSTER

1879 he removed to Nebraska and located at Shelton, where he learned the trade of

carpentering and remained eleven years there in that line of business. He came to Elgin in 1890 and in 1895 engaged in contract work. Among the fine buildings erected by him are the A. C. Hawkins residence, A. D. Martin flats, A. J. Leonard residence, First M. E. parsonage, C. W. Lehmann residence. In 1903 he formed a partnership with J. A. Wright and they are doing a large business, having in process of erection many fine structures.

In 1879 he married Miss Fannie M. Powers, of Wauconda. They have a daughter, Eva L., aged fifteen years.

Mr. Foster resides at 533 Mill street.

DR. ROBERT W. MARKLEY.

Robert W. Markley, M. D., was born January 26, 1872, at Archibold, Ohio. He attended college at Beloit, Wisconsin, and



DR. ROBERT W. MARKLEY

took the prescribed medical course of the medical department of Northwestern University, Chicago. He located at Huntley, Illinois, where he enjoyed a large practice that he gave up to take charge of the Mexican Central Railway Hospital in Mexico. He resigned the latter position to take a practice in this city, where he is among the prosperous and successful physicians. Dr. Markley is married and resides at 119 West Chicago street. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., and the K. O. T. M.

CLARK VAN HOUSEN.

Clark Van Housen was born at Prattsburgh, Steuben county, New York, October 25, 1859. He attended the schools of



CLARK VAN HOUSEN

his native town and was a student at Franklin Academy. He afterwards took a thorough course at the Rochester Business University of Rochester, New York. In 1882 he removed to Crookston, Minnesota, and was Deputy Recorder of Deeds for five years. In the latter part of 1887 Mr. Van Housen removed to this city and engaged in the real estate and loan business. He has been prosperous and

has suite 26 Y. M. C. A. building. He enjoys the confidence and esteem of the people of the city. He is married and has five children. The family home is at 353 Spring street.

CHARLES A. WETZEL.

Charles A. Wetzel, one of the enterprising citizens of Elgin, was born in



CHARLES A. WETZEL

Wheeling, Illinois, July 9, 1861, and attended the public schools of Chicago and afterwards Prof. W. P. Stuart's Life Insurance school. When fourteen years of age he commenced business as a grocer's clerk and later organized the Union Tea Company, doing a prosperous business for a number of years. He was afterwards with John Raper & Co., wholesale grocers, and with N. K. Fairbank & Co. He was employed in the capacity of salesman with both of these large houses. During the past fifteen years he has been district manager of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York and he is

also President of the Fox River Valley Lead and Zinc Company and Vice President of the Chicago-Zanesville Gas Company. He is a director of the Ohio Southern Oil company and is interested in other enterprises. Mr. Wetzel is married and has a son and daughter. He is a member of Monitor lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Elgin, and of the Knights of Pythias. He has a handsome home at 1100 Spring street.

A. B. CHURCH.

A. B. Church was born in Vernon, Oneida county, New York, May 10, 1844. When very young he came west with his parents and obtained his first employment with his stepfather, the late Gail Borden, in the condensed milk business.

For many years prior to disposing of his Elgin homestead and taking up his residence in New York City, Mr. Church was associated with Wm. Grote in the real estate business. Although no legal partnership existed, the firm has always been known as "Grote & Church," and those business relations were not affected by Mr. Church's removal from Elgin.

Mr. Church is a member of the First Congregational Society, was formerly City Treasurer and a member of the Board of Education and a Director of the Gail Borden Public Library. He was identified with the organization of the Elgin City Railway Company and the Carpentersville, Elgin & Aurora Railway Company and served as Secretary of both companies until they were sold to and absorbed by the Elgin, Aurora & Southern Traction Company, which Company owns and operates the said lines at the present time.

October 11, 1871, A. B. Church was married to Miss Mary E. Peterson, and they have one son, A. W. Church of

Rockford. Mr. Church is a Republican, and although he has always taken an active interest in party success, he has never been ambitious for political honors.

WILLIAM A. GABRIEL.

William A. Gabriel fills the important position of chief draughtsman and de-



WILLIAM A. GABRIEL

signer for the Elgin National Watch Company. He laid the foundation for his proficiency at Bridgeport, Conn., and upon this builded by successive stages in several of the noted manufactories of the land.

Mr. Gabriel was born June 25, 1858, at Seymour, Conn. The public schools there and at Bridgeport, Conn., gave him his earlier education. That which followed was of the practical kind. His first business connection was with the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company of Bridgeport. Then, for three and one-half years, he served as an apprentice in the machine department of the Bridgeport Brass Company. Two years follow-

ing were spent in the drafting office of W. F. Durfee, mechanical engineer, at Bridgeport, and six months with the Birmingham Iron Foundry and Machine Company of Birmingham, Conn., as draughtsman. Since then his time has been given to work in watch factories, three and one-half years having been spent with the Illinois Watch Company at Springfield, Ill., where he was designer of tools and machinery, and sixteen years as draughtsman and designer with the Elgin company. In his long service in Elgin he has given the fullest satisfaction.

Mr. Gabriel has a wife and three children and resides at 421 DuPage street. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

CURTIS A. SMITH.

Curtis A. Smith, foreman of the Elgin National Watch Company, came from Bath, New Hampshire. After attending



CURTIS A. SMITH

the public schools he began at the age of sixteen years to learn the machinist's trade at the Alexander Thompson machine shop, St. Johnsbury, Vt., where he remained until he had mastered the business. From St. Johnsbury he proceeded, in 1866, to Fitchburg, Mass., where for a time he was with the C. H. Brown Company, builders of steam engines, and in 1874 he came to Elgin. He has for years occupied the position of foreman of the machine department of the Elgin watch factory—a position which, owing to the delicate pieces of mechanism here made, is one carrying a large responsibility.

Among the orders of which he is a member are the Masons, Odd Fellows and Century Club. His home is at 347 St. Charles street. He has a wife and five children.

W. C. TORREY.

W. C. Torrey's connection with Elgin's most important industry, watch making, covers nearly half of his life, and he has the entire confidence not only of the company but of all with whom he is daily associated.

Mr. Torrey looks to Rockland, Maine, as his birthplace, the date being Feb. 25, 1855. He received an excellent education, graduating in the class of '77 from the Worcester Polytechnic Institute of Worcester, Mass., after the usual common school course at Rockland, supplemented by high school training at Bath, Me.

Soon after receiving his diploma from the technical school he entered the employ of an uncle at Bath, as superintendent of the Torrey Manufacturing Company, in 1878. In 1880 he began his engagement with the manufacturers of the celebrated Elgin watch, and as foreman of the large train room has displayed marked ability, such as would be expected from one of his liberal education.

His affiliation with orders or lodges is confined to the National Union and the Yeomen of America, which are mainly insurance organizations. His residence



W. C. TORREY

is at 330 Watch street, his family consisting of a wife, daughter and son.

GEORGE ATHERTON.

George Atherton is one of the longtime employes of the Elgin National Watch Company, beginning at the bottom of the trade-ladder and working until, years ago, he reached a position of much responsibility. He is a product of Kane county, Ill., as he first saw daylight at Batavia Dec. 20, 1851. His school days were passed in West St. Charles, Ill., and also in district No. 3, St. Charles, and later at the DeKalb, Ill., high school. When 15 years of age he began learning the watchmaker's trade, and until he was 19 he alternated his time between that occupation and attending school. With the exception of about eighteen months of 1876 and 1877 and four months of

1879 he has been in the employ of the Elgin National Watch Company since 1871, and Elgin has practically been his



GEORGE ATHERTON

home all that time. For a long period he has been foreman of the timing and adjusting department of the watch factory. Mr. Atherton has a wife and three children, their home being at 496 Laurel street. That he is quite a domestic man is attested by the fact that he is a member of no lodges or societies.

LEMUEL N. JACKMAN.

Lemuel N. Jackman is one of the pioneers in the Elgin National Watch Company, although his service with it has not been continuous. His connection with the company dates from Jan. 1, 1867. For a few months in 1869-70 he was engaged in establishing in Elgin the Moseley Watch Tool Company. Then he went to the Cornell Watch Company, at Grand Crossing, Ill., where he remain-

ed from December, 1870, till September, 1871. From there he changed to Boston and was in the employ of the E. Howard Watch and Clock Company, returning in May, 1879, to the Elgin watch factory. After this he was superintendent of the Columbia Watch Spring and Jewel Company in the latter 80's, and in 1888 again returned to Elgin, where he has been for years foreman of the motion department in the watch factory.

Mr. Jackman was born at Pembroke, New Hampshire, Feb. 21, 1843. The schools attended were the public at Nashua, N. H., and Northfield Academy, Northfield, Vt. When a boy he tried railroading, in the employ of the Boston & Lowell Railroad Company, and worked at the machinist trade in Nashua in 1865-6.

He is a veteran of the Civil war. Auguts 8, 1861, he enlisted in Co. F,



LEMUEL N. JACKMAN

3d regt., N. H. Volunteer Infantry, at Nashua, and re-enlisted as a Veteran Volunteer at Morris Island, S. C., in Sept. 1863. He was mustered out as first lieutenant and adjutant of the 3rd N. H. Vol-

unteers July 20, 1865. He served as Alderman from the fifth ward from 1890 to 1894. He is a member of Post 49, G. A. R., Monitor lodge No. 522, A. F. and A. M., and the Century Club. He is a widower, has one daughter, and resides at 352 Douglas avenue.

H. C. KRENGEL.

H. C. Krengel, of 249 Dundee avenue, was born in Germany March 29, 1857, and came to this country when about seven years of age. His father had preceded the family to America and on the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted from New York city and served to the end of the strife.



H. C. KRENGEL

The subject of this sketch moved with his parents to Bridgeport, Conn., soon after peace was declared between the north and south. He attended the public schools of Connecticut, and in 1872 accompanied his parents to New Haven, that state. His first employment was with the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company of

Bridgeport, Conn., and his next with the Marlin Arms Company of New Haven, with which he learned the machinist trade. In 1879 he left New Haven for Cleveland, O., where he worked for the Brush Electric Company.

Coming to Elgin in August, 1881, he entered the machine shop of the Elgin National Watch Company, and in May, 1885, was transferred to the escapement department. He was made assistant foreman in January, 1890, and foreman in May the following year.

With the exception of nearly a year in the early '80's, with the Whitehill Manufacturing Company of Milwaukee, Wis., he has been for twenty-two years employed by the Elgin National Watch Company. He was married Oct. 2, 1889, in Elgin, and has a wife, son and daughter.

HIRAM THOMAS.

A veteran of the Civil war and a veteran at watch making—these words are expressive of much of Hiram Thomas' life. He is one of the few veteran foremen of the Elgin National Watch factory. Beginning here in 1867, and being continuously in the plate department, that part of the immense works would not seem at all natural were Mr. Thomas away.

Hingham, Mass., is the town of his birth, and the day and year, April 13, 1843. The common schools of the place and Derby Academy afforded the "book learning" of the ambitious boy and youth, and when it was time for him to start out in life he began an apprenticeship at clock making at Roxbury, Mass., and on finishing it entered upon watch factory life at Waltham, Mass. He was there until Aug. 10, 1862, when Uncle Sam needed his services and he enlisted in the army and served three years. After the war he returned to Waltham, where he remained a few months, and then went to a factory at Newark, N. J., and from there to Elgin. He commenced work in the Elgin watch factory May 21, 1867, and in February of the following year was made foreman of



HIRAM THOMAS

the plate department, which position he has ever since held.

He is a member of the G. A. R., the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and the Century Club. He has a wife and one daughter, and lives at 564 Chicago street.

W. H. BLACK.

W. H. Black, who has for years held a foremanship in the extensive works of the Elgin National Watch Company, was born at Ellsworth, Maine, Jan. 1, 1845. After attending the common schools of his native town and taking a course at Ellsworth Academy, which had a reputation as an educational institution reaching far beyond the confines of the county, he began to learn the mysteries of the watchmaker's trade. His best efforts were given with a fixed purpose, and when in

course of time he left the bench where he had been employed in his home town, he was a finished workman. He had no difficulty in securing a position with the American Watch Company, Waltham, Mass. This was Sept. 6, 1865, and a little over two years later, or to be exact, in December, 1865, he came to Elgin and took a position with the Elgin National Watch Company. In 1870 he returned to Waltham, and in 1873 he again moved to Elgin, which has since been his home. He



W. H. BLACK

resides at 473 Chicago street, his wife constituting his family, as he has no children. He has for many years been a member of the Masonic order.

J. GIVEN:

J. Given, a foreman in the Elgin National Watch factory, is a native of the state of Ohio. He received his education in the public schools and in due time changed his place of residence to Illinois, and in January 1878, secured employment in the watch factory.

Mr. Given applied himself so well to his duties, mastering every detail, that he rose to the position he has for several

of '97, and spent five years with the Eastman Kodak Company of Rochester, N. Y., before coming to Elgin.



J. GIVEN



I. HATCH. JR.

years ably filled, that of foreman of his department.

His family consists of his wife and son, the home being at 805 Augusta avenue. Mr. Hatch is a member of Elgin Council, No. 2, Yeomen of America, and Elgin Council, No. 37, Royal League. He has a wife, and resides at 414 Villa street.

I. HATCH, JR.

I. Hatch, Jr., is one of the youngest foremen of the Elgin National Watch Company, but in watchmaking as in other callings it is not years, it is ability, that counts, and in Mr. Hatch the company has a lieutenant who has displayed this quality in a marked degree. Although he has been in Elgin, in charge of the gilding department of the big plant, only since Aug. 1, 1903, his work has given evidence of the fact that he is the right man for the place.

Mr. Hatch is a native of Norwell, Mass., where he was born Aug. 31, 1874. He was graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the class

E. F. GOODING.

Long experience in his earlier days in the making of watch balances well fitted E. F. Gooding for taking charge of this department in the Elgin National Watch factory, a position he has held since December 21, 1867. Mr. Gooding's birthplace was at historic Plymouth, Mass., Dec. 5, 1840, and in that city he secured his education. In his 19th year, in April, 1859, he went to Worcester, Mass., to learn the trade of machinist. Four years later he left that place for Waltham, Mass., to assist his uncle, J. B. Gooding, in the manufacture of expansion balances in the American Watch factory. As his uncle was the originator of balance making in the United States it may well be supposed that the young man in this new association acquired very valuable knowledge, which in the succeeding years made



E. F. GOODING

his services in great demand. He was with J. B. Gooding nearly five years, and in the fall of 1867 the Elgin National Watch Company, in search of the best mechanics, invited the subject of this sketch to change his residence to Elgin. He has been with the Elgin institution ever since that time, to the entire satisfaction of both.

Mr. Gooding was married Dec. 25, 1866, to Miss Abbie M. Johnson. They have one child, Ethel, now the wife of Dr. J. F. Bell, of Elgin. In 1890 Mr. Gooding erected a handsome home at 558 Chicago street, which has since been his residence.

He is a member of Monitor lodge, A. F. and A. M., and Loyal L. Munn Chapter, No. 96, R. A. M., and has taken the council degree.

FRANK A. GOODROW.

Frank A. Goodrow of the Elgin National Watch Company, is a young man who has had a varied experience in his line of work, that of engraving. Born at Watertown, Wis., Feb. 20, 1866, after spending his school years at Oak Park, Ill., and Elgin, he commenced in the watch factory to learn that branch of operations performed in the engraving department.

His changes in place of occupation took him from Elgin to the Hampden Watch Company, Springfield, Mass., where he remained one year; Seth H. Thomas Company, Thomaston, Conn., three years; Western Bank Note Company, Chicago, three years. He was with the latter concern when, in 1895, after the death of A. Frank Kelsey, who had for many years been foreman of the engraving room at the Elgin factory, Mr. Goodrow was in-



FRANK A. GOODROW

vited to take charge, and did so. He has been in this position since, filling it to the entire satisfaction of all. Years ago Mr. Goodrow played a cornet in the famous Elgin Military Band and in the choir of

the Episcopal church, his proficiency on that favorite instrument winning many compliments.

His family consists of a wife and two daughters, and their home is at 408 Spring street.

W. B. LONG.

W. B. Long, foreman of the carpentry and building department of the Elgin National Watch factory, was born at Newark, New Jersey, October 19, 1848, and came to Elgin with his parents in early childhood, where he has since resided. He attended the public schools and Elgin Academy. Although not of age at the time of the civil war he enlisted and served creditably. At the close of hostilities



W. B. LONG

he engaged in carpentry and building which he followed until 1889 when he was given charge of that department at the watch factory. He is a quiet and unassuming gentleman and has many friends. He is married and has a daughter. The family home is at 439 Division street.

C. M. BUEL.

C. M. Buel was born at Elburn, Kane county, Nov. 8, 1858, and moved to Elgin in the spring of 1859. He attended the public schools of Elgin. He entered



C. M. BUEL

the Elgin National Watch factory Dec. 6, 1878. His natural mechanical ability was afforded an opportunity to expand and grow until he was recognized as an expert in his particular work on the watch that has made Elgin famous. He was assistant foreman of the screw department for a long period, and on the appointment of Foreman Torrey to the head of the train department, Mr. Buel naturally moved up into the chief command, to the gratification of all in his room. He thoroughly understands his business and can be depended upon at all times. His residence has been in Elgin since he first moved here from Elburn, his present home being at 552 Park street. He is a member of Elgin Court, C. O. F., in which he holds a high office. He has a wife and three daughters.

W. L. PARKER.

W. L. Parker was born at St. Louis, Missouri, in 1856, and at an early age removed to Alton, Illinois, where he attended the public schools and afterwards



W. L. PARKER

served an apprenticeship in Alton machine shops. He then spent a year in Shurtliff College, Upper Alton, and was then engaged for four years at his trade in Champaign, Illinois. He then moved to Chicago, where he had charge of the Englewood Electric Light plant for four years. He came to Elgin in 1896 and has been chief engineer of the watch factory since. He is a thorough mechanic and a pleasant, social gentleman. Mr. Parker is a member of the Masonic fraternity and resides at 632 Grace street.

GEO. W. GOOD.

Geo. W. Good, one of the most recent additions to the foremen of the Elgin National Watch Company, was born in Illinois, at the state capital, Springfield, July 31, 1864. He was educated in the ward and high schools and the business college of his native city. His watch factory connections have been numerous, and have led him to several states. His first work was in the dial department of the Illinois Watch Company, at Springfield. From thence he was with the following companies, in the order named:

Columbus, Ohio, Watch Company, American Watch Company, Waltham, Mass.; Aurora Watch Company, Aurora, Ill.; Rockford Watch Company, Rockford, Ill. Altogether he was connected with the above for seven and one-half years. On the union of the Dueber Watch Case Manufacturing Company of Newport, Ky., and the Hampden Watch Company of Springfield, Mass., under one management, as it exists today, he engaged with it in 1889, remaining fourteen years and six months as operative and



GEO. W. GOOD

foreman of the dial department, at the factory in Canton, O. At Canton, during the period from 1900 to 1903, he was elected to the Board of Aldermen and

chosen President of that body until the establishment of the new municipal code system by the State Legislature in May, 1903.

He came from Canton to Elgin and took charge, on Sept. 21, 1903, of the dial department of the watch company.

He was married at Canton, O., Oct. 9, 1890, but has no children. His home is in the Judge Lovell residence property at the corner of Villa and Liberty streets.

Mr. Good is a member of McKinley lodge, No. 431, A. F. and A. M., Canton; Lily lodge, No. 361, Knights of Pythias; Fraternal Order of Eagles, No. 141; Modern Woodmen of America, No. 3213; and Royal League, No. 60.

HENRY PLATT.

Henry Platt, the well known plumber, gas and steam fitter, was born in Germany and came to Elgin when nine years



HENRY PLATT

of age. He attended the public schools and worked at his trade several years. In 1898 he engaged in his present business at 52 Douglas avenue, and has met with success beyond his most sanguine expectations. He employs a large force of men and has introduced all of the modern ideas into the business. Mr. Platt is married and has one child. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum and resides at 170 Perry street.

JOHN BOESCH.

John Boesch, the well known carpenter and builder, was born at Stade, province



JOHN BOESCH

of Hanover, Germany. He received his education in the public schools and upon coming to this country took up carpentry as his occupation, which calling he has since followed with more than ordinary success. He is now a contractor and builder, has been engaged in this work since 1895, and has erected many of the better buildings in Elgin and vicinity. He is a conscientious workman and everything that he undertakes is well done. Mr. Boesch has made Elgin his home since coming to America, is married and has three children, Gladys, Henry and Thilo.

The family resides at 670 Slade avenue. Mr. Boesch is a member of three lodges and is a popular and progressive citizen.

DR. FRANK TEFFT.

Frank Tefft, V. S., was born in Elgin township April 7, 1862, and attended the district school and Elgin Academy. He graduated from the Chicago Veterinary College in 1892 and has been practicing here since. He is an expert judge of horses and does a large business, besides his practice, in buying and selling fine driving horses. He has also been engaged in the gravel business since last January.

Mr. Tefft was married in 1897 to Miss Mabel Hammond, daughter of Mr. and



DR. FRANK TEFFT

Mrs. Eugene Hammond. He is a member of the Masonic order. Mr. and Mrs. Tefft reside at 380 DuPage street.

W. G. SAWYER.

W. G. Sawyer of 806 Highland avenue, Elgin, is a native of the beautiful Fox river valley; Dundee, Ill., claiming him by reason of his birth there Jan. 24,

1841. He has changed his residence several times, but never managed to seek a



W. G. SAWYER

place many miles removed from the scenes of his infancy. From 1860 to 1870 he resided at Carpentersville, Ill.; from 1870 to 1893 at Huntley, Ill., and from 1893 to the present time in Elgin.

He has been engaged in various enterprises and has served the public conscientiously and well, having represented the Town of Grafton on the Board of Supervisors of McHenry county seven terms, and at the present time, December, 1903, serving his fourth term as Assistant Supervisor for the Township of Elgin, not mentioning many minor offices.

His private businesses have been as follows: Mercantile and manufacturing at Carpentersville; milling and warehouse at Huntley; land and cattle in Cherry county, Nebraska. His present business connections are: The Star Manufacturing Company of Carpentersville, Acme Steel Company of Chicago; Sawyer & Kelley, Huntley; Sawyer Brothers, Cherry county, Neb., and Sawyer Brothers, farmers, of Dundee, Ill.

Mr. Sawyer was educated in public and select schools and at Elgin Academy. He is married and has three children, Mrs. F. E. Pearsall of Batavia, Illinois; Mrs. H. A. Rice and Miss Florence of this city.

FRANK P. SHEPHERD.

The subject of this sketch, Frank P. Shepherd, was born at Buffalo Grove, Ill., in April, 1841. His education was secured in the district and public schools, and he was under age when the Civil war broke out. He enlisted April 19, 1861, in Company B, Chicago Zouaves, saw first active service April 23, at Cairo, Illinois; was afterwards in Company K, 19th Illinois regiment. He served from April 19, 1861, till June 30, 1865, seeing as may well be supposed much of warfare during those years covering the entire period of the struggle. He was in several battles, among them Stone River and Chickamauga. At the latter he was taken prisoner, spending nineteen months in



FRANK P. SHEPHERD

southern prisons, ten months of that time in Andersonville. His first business was in the hardware line, and he has always followed that or one akin to it, having for years manufactured an improved milk can, aerator, etc., in Elgin, although his residence is in South Elgin. He is a member of Veteran Post, No. 49, G. A. R., the Modern Woodmen of America, and Knights of the Maccabees. He is married and has three children living, two having died.

CHARLES BASEMAN.

Charles Baseman is a native of Illinois, having been born in Chicago, December 19, 1852. He attended the public schools



CHARLES BASEMAN

of that city and in 1873 engaged in contracting in Hanover, Illinois, having previously learned the carpenter's trade. He removed to Elgin in 1878 and has since continued the business here, having erected many fine business blocks and residences and being considered among the most reliable, conscientious and painstaking of the contractors hereabouts. Mr. Baseman is a member of the Modern Woodmen. He is married and has three children. He resides at 352 Seneca street.

MAGNUS & BICKMORE.

The Improved Method Laundry is determined to make their laundry all that the name implies. They take advantage



L. E. BICKMORE, P. H. AND A. J. MAGNUS

of every improvement in laundry machinery, and any new appliance, after its worth has been tested, is sought by the proprietors. They have a knowledge of the most advanced methods of washing and starching and apply their superior knowledge. The result is that every piece of work leaving their laundry has the stamp of "laundry perfection" all over it. Not a blotch, not a blemish can be detected, and it is not an idle boast to say that the best and most perfect work done in Elgin is the work that leaves their work rooms.

Their No. 8 Troy collar and cuff ironer is the same style machine used by the Troy Laundry of Troy, New York, where most of the best new goods are laundered. It has a capacity of 7,000 collars and cuffs a day, making a perfect high-gloss finish. A Bishop collar and cuff starcher is another new machine lately added. By its use the old method of hand starching is entirely done away with. Magnus & Bickmore are the proprietors of this laundry. There is no finer work done in Elgin than is done by the above named firm.

Shirts laundered to fit, collars turned without breaking.

J. H. BAKER.

J. H. Baker, a well known carpenter, contractor and builder, was born in Du-Page county, September 22, 1857. He attended the public schools of DuPage county and was a student at Elgin Academy a number of terms. He came to Elgin twenty years ago and was bookkeeper for A. D. Martin, hardware dealer. He engaged in contracting and building ten years ago and has been very successful in that line. Among the fine buildings erected by him are the residences of Charles Pierce, 152 North Liberty street; Frank Davis, Percy street; Richard Julian, River and Julian streets; Wm. Kruger,



J. H. BAKER

Lovell street. Besides these many other fine dwellings, both in Elgin and in the country, have been erected by him. He has a pleasant home at 304 North Liberty street.

WILLIAM BELL.

William Bell, the well known builder of first-class sidewalks, was born at Charlotte, Michigan, in 1867. He attended the public schools and after removing to Elgin was a student at Drew's Business College. He first was associated in business with his father, the firm name being



WILLIAM BELL

E. Bell & Son. He started in business alone in 1891 and has been remarkably successful. The fact that William Bell does a piece of work is always a guaranty of its being well done.

He is an extensive builder of Portland cement and composition walks and felt gravel roofs. He has had contracts on nearly all the prominent buildings in Elgin, including the Spurling, the Daily News block, Ackemann's department store, G. M. Peck's block, the Sherwin block, Town's block, First National and Elgin National bank buildings and many others. Wm. Bell has much work in other cities and employs a large force in his sidewalk and roofing business. He is married and has three children. His residence is at 509 Hill avenue, his office at room 2, McBride block, and his storehouses along the C., M. & St. P. railway.

DR. E. H. ABBOTT.

For a young physician Dr. E. H. Abbott has had a varied experience and enjoys a large practice, his office being in suite 24, 25, 26, Sherwin building, Elgin. This city is the place of his birth, and the time, Nov. 6, 1866. He attended the public schools and during vacations worked in the Elgin National Watch factory, commencing at the age of ten and onehalf years. He was then the youngest employe of the factory. Before he reached his 15th year he left the high school to take his father's place in the factory. His determination to secure an education led him to study evenings, thus completing the high school course, and taking several additional branches. In the meantime he acted as correspondent for the Elgin Every Saturday, a society and local paper. In the spring of 1892 he entered Rush Medical College, receiving his degree in



DR. E. H. ABBOTT

1895. He located in Elgin and his success has proven that his choice was a wise one. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war he was largely instrumental

in organizing a provisional regiment, which, however, was not called to the front. In commemoration of his services Dr. Abbott holds a complimentary commission as surgeon, from the State Legislature, as well as a letter from the Governor, stating that he probably did more than any other Illinois physician toward raising troops. He also holds a commission in the Illinois National guard as major and surgeon, unassigned.

His connection with professional and fraternal organizations is shown by the following list: American Medical Association, Illinois State Medical Society, Fox River Valley Medical Society, Elgin Physicians' Club, Royal Arch Masons, Odd Fellows, Maccabees, Mystic Workers, Bankers' Union and Archaean Union, being supreme medical director of the last named.

In addition to his practice he is a partner in the drug business of C. F. Wm. Schultz & Co.

Dr. Abbott in 1901 married Miss Ethelyn M. Wells, of Corning, Ark., and they have an infant son. Their home is at 454 Stella street.

F. L. McCLURE.

F. L. McClure was born at Bath, Steuben county, N. Y., Nov. 17, 1823, and died at Phœnix, Arizona, May 20, 1900, while spending the winter there, according to his custom, after a three days' illness of pneumonia. In 1846 he came to the then far west with his parents and located in Elgin, and in 1848 was married to Levantia Padelford. To them were born two sons, one dying in infancy. His second marriage was to Fannie K. Wilder, by whom he had one child.

Mr. McClure was a pioneer in several lines. He built and filled the first ice house in Elgin, shipping ice and delivering to consumers. He caused to be made

the first eight-gallon milk can, using this size in his local milk delivery and for shipment to Chicago. He was one of the organizers of the Elgin Packing Company and for many years its efficient Business Manager. During the conduct of these enterprises he managed also to carry on a farm, and he was no inconsiderable factor in securing for Elgin the prominence it long ago attained in the dairy world.



F. L. McCLURE

Mr. McClure repeatedly declined earnest solicitations to become a candidate for public office, though he served several terms as Alderman in Elgin and for years was a Town Trustee, to these offices bringing the same excellent judgment that characterized his private transactions.

JOHN KIRK SEAPY.

John Kirk Seapy was born July 18, 1815, at Ringstrad, Norfolk county, England, and came to America at the age of fifteen. He located in Kane county in 1845, having married Miss Dorcas Sher-

wood in the east, December 9, 1842. He engaged in farming and was one of the intelligent and progressive agriculturists of the county in an early day. He erected



JOHN KIRK SEAPY

a pleasant home in Elgin where he enjoyed the well earned fruits of his labor for many years previous to his death, which took place December 6, 1885. His five daughters and two sons all reside in Kane county.

J. A. PALMER.

James A. Palmer, one of the best known of Elgin's business men, was born at Howard, Steuben county, New York, where he attended the public schools. He came west in 1856 for his first business experience, engaging in the furniture and undertaking business at Anamosa, Iowa. He came to Elgin in 1873 and has since been engaged in the undertaking and art business here. He has been very successful, and his business increased to such an extent that he has taken in two partners,

the firm name now being Palmer, Lewis & Norris.

Mr. Palmer served three and a fourth years during the War of the Rebellion, enlisting in the 14th Iowa infantry. He was captured by the Confederates at the battle of Shiloh April 6, 1862. The 14th Iowa, with which he did gallant service, was one of the regiments known as the "Hornet's Nest Brigade" during that memorable engagement.

Mr. Palmer is a genial, pleasant gentleman with hosts of friends. He is a member of Elgin lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Bethel Commandery, Knights Templar, and of Veteran post, Grand Army of the Republic.

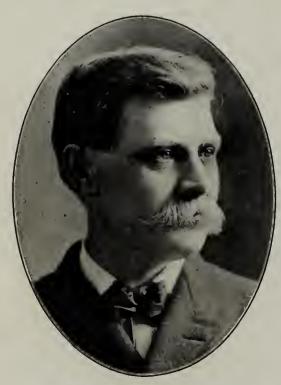


JAMES A. PALMER

He resides with his wife at 326 Chicago street, where they have an attractive home.

C. E. LEWIS.

C. E. Lewis, of the firm of Palmer, Lewis & Norris, engaged in the undertaking and art goods business at 211 Chicago street, was born at Bloomingdale, Illinois, October 22, 1864. He attended the public schools and later the Elgin Academy. For eight years he was employed as clerk by J. A. Palmer and two years ago formed a partnership with his employer. The firm has been exceptionally successful and has established a very desirable business. Mr. Lewis some years ago was married to Miss Susie, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. K. Whitford, and one daughter has been born to them. Mr. Lewis is a member of the Modern Wood-



C. E. LEWIS

men and the First M. E. church, and is a genial gentleman who has made a large circle of friends in Elgin.

F. T. NORRIS.

F. T. Norris has been a resident of Elgin only a short time, but has already formed many valuable acquaintanceships. Born in Wisconsin in 1876, he attended Beloit Academy and College, and on completing his education was for three years

principal of the school at Orfordville, Wis. For a time thereafter he was engaged in the furniture and undertaking



F. T. NORRIS

business at Orfordville, and in November, 1903, came to Elgin and purchased an interest in the firm of Palmer & Lewis, which is now known as Palmer, Lewis & Norris. He is a member of the Methodist church and of the Odd Fellow and Modern Woodmen lodges. His place of residence is at 211 Center street.

CHARLES E. GIERTZ & SON.

Charles E. Giertz, of the well known firm of Charles E. Giertz & Son, mason contractors, was born in Germany in 1849, and attended the public schools of his native country. He was apprenticed to a mason contractor in Germany, where he learned the trade and was a contractor there for fourteen years. In 1881 he decided to remove to this country as it offered better advantages, and he located in Elgin, where he has followed the same

business since with success. Among the fine buildings recently erected by him are the Chicago Telephone Company's build-



CHARLES E. GIERTZ

ing, the Muntz block, the Elgin Steam Laundry block. He has also built many of the best residences. Mr. Giertz is a member of the Maccabees. He is married and resides at 430 Crystal street.

M. C. GETZELMAN.

M. C. Getzelman is an example of the many citizens of foreign birth who have landed in America, became imbued with the spirit of our institutions, and in the country of their adoption have taken a leading rank in the occupations they have chosen. As farmer or banker Mr. Getzelman has shown himself progressive and able, and what is more to the point, eminently successful.

Bavaria is his native land, where he was born in 1837. Until he was 11 years of age he attended a common country school, where the elements of education were thoroughly instilled into his mind, to be built upon in the evolutions of a bread-winning life.

First, he was a farmer, but when his adopted country called in 1861 he left the plow in the field near Hampshire, Ill., and followed the fortunes of war for four long years, returning to agriculture at the close of the fratricidal strife. In 1883 he retired from the farm and made his home in Hampshire, and ten years later the advantages of Elgin appealed to him and he made what he believes will be his last change. He was one of the organizers of the Elgin National Bank, of which he is still a Director, and was founder of the St. Charles National Bank and the Bank of Algonquin, being the President of both.



M. C. GETZELMAN

The only order of which he is a member is the Grand Army of the Republic. He has a wife and four children, and resides at 731 Highland avenue.

JOHN C. HENDERSON.

John C. Henderson was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland. He learned the trade of a mason and devoted his entire time to cement work, being manager of the Elgin Artificial Stone Company, 635 Spring street, which he organized. He does a

large business in artificial stone sidewalks, curbs, and floors, and all kinds of cement walks, and has established a large business in this line of work. He has an excellent



JOHN C. HENDERSON

business and is a reliable and trustworthy man. Mr. Henderson is married and has two sons. The family home is at 635 Spring street.

L. H. BAUER.

The late L. H. Bauer, who established the prosperous jewelry business which is still conducted under his name, was one of the best known and leading business men of Elgin for a number of years.

He was born at Chemnitz, Germany, April 28, 1855. He attended the public schools of Germany, receiving a good education and then learned the jewelry business under the tuition of his father in Germany. The thoroughness of the old country methods stood him in good stead and when he came to Elgin in 1881 he entered the employ of the Elgin National

Watch Company as a skilled operative. Five years later, desiring to be in business for himself, he started, in a small way, the jewelry business in the Home Bank block, which during the 16 years of its existence has become one of the leading business enterprises of the city. He was a man of social inclination and his strict integrity and superior ability soon became evident, and it was but a short time before he was among the foremost jewelers and diamond importers in this section.



L. H. BAUER

In 1886 he was married to Miss Minnie Ackemann of Elgin, who continues the business he established. Mr. Bauer died November 20, 1902. The family home is at 128 Porter avenue.

S. A. LONGENECKER.

S. A. Longenecker was born in Gettysburg, Penn., November 26, 1868. After attending the public schools there, he came west and in the fall of 1898 entered Dixon College, Dixon, Ill., from which he

graduated. He accepted a position as cashier and book-keeper with a firm in Chicago until 1899. Later he came to Elgin and accepted a position with the



S. A. LONGENECKER

Malcomson Tea Company, of which he is now manager. Having an excellent experience in this line of work, enables him to carry on so large and successful a business. This firm started about three years ago in a very small storeroom; now they occupy the large and prosperous building in the Home Bank block. They are doing the largest tea business in this part of the country, besides a successful business in coffees, spices and cocoa. Mr. Longenecker belongs to no orders, but is a member of the First Congregational Church.

WM. S. HEWINS.

Wm. S. Hewins was born in Coventry, England, Oct. 11, 1841. He was educated in Fairfax's Charity school and the Coventry School of Art, and served a seven years' apprenticeship with James Haddell & Co., chronometer and watch manufacturers, Coventry. He worked for eight years in Birmingham, England, and came to America in 1869, becoming foreman of the engraving department of the U. S. Watch factory, Marion, N. J. In 1871 he was in partnership with F. Wilmot, 5 Maiden Lane, New York City, and afterwards was with Tiffany & Co., that city. He was at Waltham from 1873 to 1875, at Lancaster, Pa., in 1876, and that year came to the Elgin watch factory. Last August he left the Elgin factory and returned to his old home in England. He is a member of the United Workmen, Monitor lodge, 522, A. F. and A. M.,



WM. S. HEWINS

Royal L. Munn Chapter, 96, R. A. M., and Bethel Commandery, No. 36, K. T., and has a wife and three children, one son having died in Elgin.

CHRISTIAN BROWN.

Christian Brown was born in Norway in 1836 and attended the public and Latin schools. He was then apprenticed to a prominent furrier and from him learned

the trade, which he has successfully followed since. He has been employed at and engaged in the business since he arrived at his manhood. When the firm for which he did work desired novelties and fine furs he was sent to purchase them. During his business career he has visited all of the principal cities of Europe and he has been considered one of the most competent and expert furriers in America for many years. He resided in New York when he first came to this country and removed from there to Chicago. Eight years ago he established a business in Elgin and is engaged as a manufacturing furrier and dealer in the Spurling block. Mr. Brown is a member of the I.



CHRISTIAN BROWN

O. O. F. and the Encampment, Knights of Honor, Elks and Royal Arcanum. He is married, has four children and resides at 384 Chicago street.

W. F. HALLET.

W. F. Hallet is a native of Michigan in which state he was born in 1865. He attended the public schools of that state and learned the trade of a boiler maker. He came to Elgin in 1891 and during the past eight years has been doing a large



W. F. HALLET

business as a boiler maker throughout Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa. He also manufactures tanks and coolers and does sheet iron work of all descriptions. Recently he has added steam heating and boilers for the same. He is married, has four children and resides at 946 Spring street.

E. J. BOLDT.

E. J. Boldt, the well known painter, decorator and merchant, came to America in 1881, after having thoroughly learned his trade in Tessin, Germany, where he was born Nov. 6, 1858. He served a regular apprenticeship, after finishing his education at the Tessin high school, and also completed at the age of 19 the course at a trade institution. He remained with his employer one year, and at 20 entered the German army fulfilling the requirements of the conscription, and afterward

working at his trade in Hamburg. He arrived in New York Oct. 22, 1881, and the same month came to Elgin. For awhile he worked for Day & Fancher,



E. J. BOLDT

and on the former removing to New York, entered into partnership with Mr. Fancher, their business relations continuing one year. Since 1883 he has been in business on his own account, first on North State street, but since the spring of 1900 at his present location, No. 20 Spring street, where he carries a full line of wall paper, paints and kindred goods.

Oct. 8, 1884, he married Miss Lizzie Yurs, and they have three children. Their home is at 470 Prospect boulevard. Mr. Boldt has membership in no orders or lodges.

MOSES W. HAWES.

Moses W. Hawes was born September 2, 1814, in Watertown, New York, receiving his early education in that city. Later he went to Baltimore, where he learned civil engineering and in 1837 was

sent from that city to the Province of Conception, Chili, South America, to erect and put in operation the second flouring mill in that country. He was chosen from among one hundred applicants for the position. In that country he became a very prominent man and there continued to live for over twenty years. Being a first class engineer he became a large government contractor and built many bridges, docks, etc. While residing in Chili he married a Spanish lady, by whom six children were born, only one of whom is now living—a daughter who is now married. Mr. Hawes went to China and completing the circumnavigation of the globe returned to the United States. His wife having died, Mr. Hawes was married February 12, 1860, to Miss Jennie Rosencrans, daughter of Asa and Jane Rosencrans. After returning to the



MOSES W. HAWES

United States from Chili, Mr. and Mrs. Hawes located in Elgin. In 1870 he went to Mendota, Ill., where he engaged in the lumber business until 1872, and after a short time made two trips across the ocean. In 1877 Mr. Hawes

was called home to serve as President of the Home National Bank, which position he resigned in 1879. Mr. Hawes died November 22, 1894, at the age of eightythree years.

B. C. FERSON.

B. C. Ferson is a product of Kane county. He was born in St. Charles township October 21, 1847, and resided on the farm with his parents until twenty-two years of age. He then took charge of the J. S. Waterman farm, where he remained a year, going from there to Wisconsin to represent the Warnor Mower Company of Little Falls, New York. He acted as its agent there four years and accepted a position with the Stoddard Manufacturing Company of Dayton, Ohio, as its representative in Wisconsin. He held this position five years and in



B. C. FERSON

1886 came to Elgin to engage in the stock business. Five years ago he formed a partnership with T. W. Plant, and they are doing a large business throughout the United States in fine grades of horses and cattle. He is known as a reliable and conscientious man. Mr. Ferson is married and has two children. He resides at 130 Grove avenue.

THOMAS W. PLANT.

Thomas W. Plant was born in Elgin in 1853 and attended the Elgin public schools. He resided on the home farm



THOMAS W. PLANT

with his parents until he became of age, when he moved to Elgin, where he engaged in the grocery business which he continued for nine years. He then bought a farm near Elgin, where he remained seven years. Sometime after he formed a partnership with Alonzo Beverly, of Dundee, to handle horses. They make a specialty of fine driving horses, heavy draft animals and coach horses. Five years ago he and B. C. Ferson started in the cattle trade. They handle large numbers of high bred Holsteins, having customers in Mexico, Pennsylvania, Ohio and other states. Their local trade in

dairy cattle is enormous. Mr. Plant is married and has three children. He resides at 421 Spring street.

CHARLES A. SOPER.

Charles A. Soper, proprietor of the Elgin Marble and Granite Works, located opposite Bluff City Cemetery, is a native of Elgin, having been born here in 1881. He obtained his education in the public schools. He is a son of A. N. Soper, who is the manager of the works, and who served his appenticeship with A. E. Price, in whose employ he was for six years. Mr. A. N. Soper was born in Laporte county, Indiana, and came to Elgin in 1871. He had learned the business at Woodstock and is considered among the most proficient workmen in his line of trade. They do an extensive business and enjoy the confidence of the



CHARLES A. SOPER

community. Mr. A. N. Soper is a widower and has three sons, the oldest of whom is Charles A. He is a member of the Woodmen and the family home is at 719 Highland avenue.

HENRY WOERTZ.

Henry Woertz was born in Germany in 1867 and attended the public schools of his native city until his parents removed to this country. He then finished



HENRY WOERTZ

his education and after leaving school he became a watch factory operative, being employed there seven years. Mr. Woertz left the watch factory to engage in the bottling business, and enjoys a large and profitable trade. He is a leading member of the Columbian Knights and the German Turnverein. Mr. Woertz is married and has seven children. He resides at 568 Brook street.

M. J. SULLIVAN.

M. J. Sullivan, the well known contractor and builder, is a native of Canada, being born at Belleville, Ontario, in 1854, and obtaining a good business education at the Belleville Separate School. Soon after completing his education he became a water boy on one of the great

systems of railroads then being constructed. The company management promoted him to locomotive fireman and in due time by strict attention to duty he



M. J. SULLIVAN

became an engineer. Several years later he gave up this hazardous occupation and in 1877 engaged in carpenter work. In 1880 he removed to Chicago and two years later came to Elgin, where he has since been engaged in contracting and building. Previous to 1890 he was foreman for contracting firms, but during the past thirteen years he has engaged in that business for himself. He has erected many of the best business blocks and residences in the city. He had charge of the remodeling of Home Bank Block, the Nolting Block, remodeled the Healy Block on Chicago street, remodeled Dr. Stone's building on Chicago street, and built the Healy Block on DuPage street, the residences of A. Lavoie, Eugene Hammond, C. A. Kimball, Evangelical church parsonage and many others. Mr. Sullivan is married and has four children. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen and resides at 153 South Porter street.

"JOE" PAULY.

"Joe" Pauly, the popular cigar manufacturer, came to Elgin in 1891, and started in the manufacture of cigars in a small way. Being a comparative stranger and there being sharp competition in that line, it was at first up-hill work. The goods he manufactured attracted the attention of smokers as soon as introduced, and it was not long before lovers of the weed began to inquire for his brand of cigars. The business soon outgrew the small quarters on River street, and he removed to a more spacious building. By hard work and honest dealing he has become the proprietor of the leading cigar manufactory of this locality. His goods are known throughout northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. He has a large trade in Chicago as well as in all of the towns hereabouts. The leading brands manufac-



"JOE" PAULY

tured by him are "Pauly's Monogram," a 10 cent cigar, and "The Long Green," a 5 cent product. They are worth the money. Mr. Pauly is Elgin's leading

cigar man, and his factory is located at 24 Douglas avenue. He employs union labor exclusively.

A. C. MUNTZ.

A. C. Muntz, originator and owner of the largest storage, livery and trucking business of the city, is a progressive man whose business ability has placed him in the front ranks. He was born in Elgin, Illinois, August 6, 1861, and has always resided here. He attended the Elgin public schools and seventeen years ago started, in a small way, in the trucking, livery and storage business. He strictly looked after the details, and had soon placed his business on a sound financial Mr. Muntz is the pioneer in the storage business here, having started in the business in 1892 at 647 Brook street, where he has a large storage warehouse and a barn adjoining.



A. C. MUNTZ

Attending closely to the wants of the public and realizing the needs of the community, he erected, at 166 North street,

a commodious and fine brick structure suited to the needs of his business. He neglects nothing that is entrusted to him and his reliability in all things has won the confidence of the public, as is manifested in his degree of success.

Mr. Muntz is a prominent member of the Court of Honor and the Elgin Turnverein. He has a, family consisting of three sons and one daughter.

EDWIN S. HUBBELL.

Edwin S. Hubbell was born at Madison, Wisconsin, December 25, 1862, and



EDWIN S. HUBBELL

received a good business education at the public schools and at the Commercial College at Janesville, Wisconsin. He came to Elgin October 1, 1885, and entered the employ of the First National Bank, where he has since remained. He was for several years bookkeeper, but was promoted to the responsible position of Paying Teller, and is one of the best known banking and commercial men of the city, being considered an expert in his line. Mr.

Hubbell is prominent in club, society and athletic circles, and is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, Royal League, Century Club, Country Club, and the Elgin City Club.

He is married and has two sons and a daughter at his pleasant home, 726 Brook street.

CAPT. PHILO SYLLA.

Among the earliest manufacturers in Elgin was Capt. Philo Sylla, who came from Wilmot Flat, New Hampshire, in July, 1837, and located a claim just west of the village.

Mr. Sylla was both an inventor and a mechanic. He had a shop on his farm, where he built fanning mills and threshing machines. The latter had an entirely new feature, a fan for cleaning the grain as it passed through the machine, instead of winnowing by hand.

Oscar and Edward Lawrence both assisted in thus threshing grain on Mr. Sylla's farm, and Wm. G. Todd says that he also well remembers the first threshing machine that Mr. Sylla built. "After he had threshed his own grain with this experimental machine and made some minor improvements, he moved it to James Todd's farm and threshed the first crop of grain raised there. Having finished, he moved on to the place now known as the Wm. Wing farm on Highland avenue, where threshing went on until noon; but while the men were absent at dinner the straw took fire and the machine was destroyed."

Mr. Sylla built a second thresher, which was used on several farms in the neighboring towns. Of this machine Mr. Robert Corron, who is still living on the same land he took up in 1835, says: "In the year 1840 I bought a threshing machine built by Philo Sylla at Elgin. It was named the 'Prairie Queen' and was the first machine that both threshed and clean-

ed grain ever used in this country. Two hundred bushels of wheat, or four hundred bushels of oats could be threshed and cleaned in a day. This was wonderful in those times."

In 1842 Mr. Sylla left his farm and moved into a house of his own construction on the corner of North State and Washington streets, building a shop across the street, where together with Charles Webster he continued to manufacture hand fanning mills, threshing machines and horse-power tread mills. Alfred Had-



CAPT. PHILO SYLLA

lock was soon after taken into the firm and improvements were made in the machines and horse-power by using a "tumbling rod," instead of a belt, to convey power.

Mr. Sylla soon left the manufacture of threshers, etc., to Mr. Hadlock and Geo. W. Renwick, while he devoted all his energies to the improvement and manufacture of reaping machines. He bought a patent and built machines, but his first efforts were "headers" and failures; he found that he had risked and lost his farm on the venture.

The first patent secured was issued to Philo Sylla and Augustus Adams on reaping and mowing machines, being granted September 20, 1853, and later in 1855 Philo Sylla obtained additional patents.

The invention of a double hinge folding sickle-bar and a reel without a continuous shaft for reaping and mowing machines were strictly Philo Sylla's inventions and have since proved to be of the greatest value to the entire world, having been adopted and now used on all the leading mowers and reapers in this country, and the world as well.

Machines employing these inventions were manufactured in Elgin by Sylla & Adams in 1852, 1853 and 1854; Sylla, Seward & Co. in 1855 and 1856, and by Sylla & Adams in 1857. The great financial crash of 1857 brought misfortune and the valuable patents were sold to C. Aultman & Co. of Canton, Ohio, by whom they were re-issued and proved to be of great money value and a source of revenue.

The invention of a hinge for attaching a sickle bar to a reaping and mowing machine was revealed to Mr. Sylla in a dream and he was enabled at once to complete the machine he had worked upon for months.

Philo Sylla married Lavina Huntoon. They had three sons and one daughter.

James Sylla, educated in Elgin public schools, Knox College, and graduated at Rochester University in 1856; taught at Raymond Collegiate Institute, New York; principal Elgin Academy 1858-9; professor Chicago University 1860-61; died January 14, 1865, at Friendship, N. Y.

Sarah Jane Sylla, taught in public school and Elgin Academy; married Edwin J. Smith; died at Elgin January 3, 1881.

William F. Sylla, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere.

Edwin Sylla, educated in Elgin public schools and Elgin Academy; served in

Civil war as Captain Co. H, 10th Ill. Inft.; was Chief of Elgin Fire Department; died June 27, 1875.

Philo Sylla died in Elgin May 12, 1870, and his wife, Lavina Huntoon Sylla, died February 2, 1888.

GEORGE STEPHEN BOWEN.

George Stephen Bowen, a resident of Elgin since 1871, was born at Ingham's Mills, Manheim, Herkimer county, N. Y., Nov. 30, 1829. He attended the common school, and at 14 left home to seek his



GEORGE STEPHEN BOWEN

fortune. After gaining valuable information in a store and office at Little Falls, N. Y., until 1849, he came to Chicago. Here his experiences were varied, but most of the time he was, until the conflagration of 1871, in business with his brothers, the firm losing in the fire several millions of dollars.

In 1861 Mr. Bowen was chosen President of the Young Men's Library Association of Chicago. The notable course of lectures, especially one by Wendell Phil-

lips, given by the association that year, was carried out in the face of determined opposition, but proved a pronounced success. In 1867 he was instrumental in organizing the Woolen Manufacturers' Association of the Northwest, being its first and only President.

In 1871 he took the lead in establishing a free public library for Chicago, and in 1873 raised the money with which to build the Chicago exposition. In 1879 he organized an industrial exposition of ninety-three ladies and gentlemen, who visited Mexico in the interest of reciprocity, accomplishing much along that line. Through his invitation the previous year Senor Manuel de Zamacona, the Mexican Minister, visited Chicago and Elgin. paying especial attention to the Elgin National Watch factory, with whose operations he was delighted. At a banquet in Chicago in 1878, given by Mr. Bowen at the Palmer house, May 23, the foundation was laid for the organization of the Manufacturers' Association of Chicago.

Mr. Bowen was elected Mayor of Elgin in 1872 and 1873, making an excellent record. In 1883 the Elgin Electric Light Company, of which he was President, installed an electric light plant in this city, and Nov. 24 of that year, at a banquet held in the Nolting house, Elgin was declared to be the best lighted city on this continent. The city, at the termination of his contract, purchased the plant.

With Dr. Joseph Tefft, Dr. R. R. Stone and others Mr. Bowen in 1872 organized the Elgin Board of Trade, which still fixes the price of butter for the United States.

February 18, 1885, as the result of a call issued by Mr. Bowen, electric light men of the United States met in Chicago and organized the National Electric Light Association. In 1890 he was made an honorary member.

In 1876 Mr. Bowen withdrew from the Republican party and was nominated for Congress in the first Chicago district on the Peter Cooper ticket. He has served in the interest of the public in various capacities, in industrial, social, and religious lines; was Treasurer of Grace Episcopal Church, Chicago, for eight years, and President of the Protestant Orphan Asylum, Chicago, for two years. During his residence in Elgin he has always been ready to promote the best interests of the people.

He was one of the principal organizers and builders of the Chicago & Pacific railway, now a part of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul system.

He is one of the warmest friends of the public library, and has served as President of the Elgin Scientific society. Recently he was chosen President of the North Pacific Trading Company, with offices in Chicago and Tokio, Japan.

May 1, 1854, Mr. Bowen was married at Salisbury Center, Herkimer county, N. Y., to Julia Emma Byington, a most estimable woman. Both are in excellent health and they are living quietly at their home in this city. Their two children are George E. Bowen and Mrs. Anna C. Byington, residents of Elgin.

GEORGE R. YARWOOD.

Geo. R. Yarwood, son of James R. and Sarah (Walter) Yarwood, is a native of Elgin, born Oct. 26, 1859. All of his life has been spent here. In the public schools and Elgin Academy he acquired his early education. Soon after leaving school he became the partner of the late Alderman G. H. Sherman in the photograph business, the partnership continuing till 1880, when he leased his interest to Mr. Sherman. Employed until 1883 in the purchasing of livestock for the Elgin and Chicago markets, later he was interested with his brother, Charles W., in farming, raising horses, and carrying on a dairy. In 1892 he was Town Collector of Elgin, and was appointed Deputy Assessor, holding the latter office

for four years. In 1896 he was elected Assessor, and the present year (1904) makes his ninth consecutive year in this office.



GEORGE R. YARWOOD

Mr. Yarwood and Hattie H. Stewart of Belvidere, Ill., were married Dec. 23, 1891. They reside at 615 Park street, and have one son, Stuart K. Yarwood, who was born Feb. 20, 1893.

Mr. Yarwood's offices as Assessor are in the Spurling block.

DANIEL ROBBINS HARTWELL.

Daniel Robbins Hartwell came to Elgin in November, 1864, from the American watch factory of Waltham, Mass., where he had been employed for eleven years. He was one of the first to accept a position with the Elgin National Watch Company.

Mr. Hartwell was born at Littleton, Mass., Feb. 15, 1823. At the age of 14 he left home and engaged to learn carpentry and attend school for a period of five years. At the end of that time his skill as a workman was recognized and he was employed on piano cabinets and at

pencil making. Other work readily opening to him from time to time until 1853, when he began at the American Watch factory. Leisure moments were devoted to reading, and a remarkably retentive memory became a storehouse of valuable information. His connection with the Elgin watch factory lasted twenty-three years, and his quiet, unassuming life, strict integrity, promptness and faithfulness, coupled with his great ability, made his services so satisfactory that his employers with great regret parted with him when a rest appeared imperative.

Sept. 26, 1849, Mr. Hartwell married

Sept. 26, 1849, Mr. Hartwell married Sarah Adeline Britton, a native of Littleton, Mass. They have no children.



DANIEL ROBBINS HARTWELL

Mr. Hartwell's residence is on Douglas avenue. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons of the Royal Chapter.

GEORGE C. BELL.

George C. Bell, the junior partner of the firm of Edw. and Geo. C. Bell, and one of the leaders in the sidewalk and paving business in this section, was born June 3,

1881, at Battle Creek, Mich., but has spent the greater part of his life in Elgin, where he attended the public schools, the Elgin Academy, and Callow's Busi-



GEORGE C. BELL

ness College. Upon completing his education he at once embarked in the sidewalk and paving business, a business in which his father was a pioneer in this section, and in which the subject of this sketch has been very successful. He has made a scientific study of his work and the concrete and cement walks laid by Edw. and Geo. C. Bell are guaranteed to be the best that can be constructed. He has a wife and son and resides at 616 Dundee avenue. He is a member of the National Union and has a large circle of friends.

CHARLES JOHN SCHULTS.

Charles John Schults, born near Schneidewuhl, province of Posen, Prussia, Feb. 4, 1836, came to America when 16 years of age with only a few dollars as his worldly possessions. He had, however, received, under the guardianship of a

foster parent, an excellent schooling in the fatherland, and he was full of hope when he landed in New York. He lost little time in pushing on to Chicago, a stranger in a strange land, without money or acquaintances, but he secured a clerkship with the dry goods firm of Ross & Foster, with whom he spent three years. For five years thereafter he was with Potter Palmer, whom he left in order to engage in business for himself as a member of the firm of D. F. Deibert & Co., at Bloomingdale, DuPage county, Ill. In 1869 he came to Elgin and for many years was senior member of a large mercantile firm. His last business enterprise was the Elgin Rug Manufacturing Company, which he established and saw grow into



CHARLES JOHN SCHULTS

an important industry. July 1, 1902, he passed away, mourned by a large circle of friends. Ever bright and cheery, with a pleasant word for all, he had an extensive and valuable acquaintance. He was prominent in the Ancient Order of United Workmen, in which he always held important offices, and is survived by a widow and several children.

EUGENE F. ROGERS.

Eugene F. Rogers was born in Plato township, Kane county, December 19, 1859, and has resided in Elgin since a



EUGENE F. ROGERS

small boy with the exception of a few years spent in the far west. He attended the public schools and Elgin Academy and while still in school did work for the first daily paper published in Kane county, The Daily Bluff City, whose destinies were presided over by the late Dudley Randall. He was engaged most of the time in newspaper work in Elgin until December, 1900, when the late Major Gould appointed him Chief Deputy of the office of the Circuit Clerk in Kane county. This office he filled until the tragic death of Major Gould, in the Iroquois theater fire in December, 1903, and on January 4, 1904, he was appointed Clerk of the Circuit Court for the unexpired portion of Mr. Gould's term.

He was married February 9, 1895, to Miss Josephine Mulroney of Elgin, who is a native of Walworth county, Wisconsin. They have a daughter, Nadia, who is seven years of age.

Mr. Rogers is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Elks, I. O. O. F., Woodmen, Maccabees and Archaean Union. He resides at 265 Douglas avenue, which has been his home for many years.

THEO. F. SWAN.

Theo. F. Swan, who for many years has occupied a leading place in Elgin's mercantile history, is inseparably connected with the growth of this city. In many ways he has achieved distinction and his long career here has seen added lustre each twelfth month.

His native town is Medina, N. Y., where he was born in 1844, and where he attended the grammar school and acad-



THEO. F. SWAN

emy, laying a solid foundation on which to build a successful business career. After some years as a clerk in his father's grocery store he began his commercial life as a member of the grocery firm of Swan Bros., Medina, but in 1866 he concluded to push out for the bustling west and was attracted to Elgin. One of his earliest business connections was the purchase of the grocery stock of Levi Stowe on River street in 1866, and as head of the firm of Swan & Bailey, whose store was on River street. From the first he prospered. His motto was honest goods, square treatment to all, and this won.

Mr. Swan was progressive. His partners were changed several times, but he was always at the head. He originated things, put new ideas into practice, made innovations which were copied, until today on every hand are seen evidence of his resourcefulness incorporated into the business of others. He was the pioneer in many ways.

He was the first to introduce the cashier in Elgin, departing from the practice of each clerk making change. He employed the first lady clerk here. He discovered that the cash system was far preferable to credit—and many others soon saw it and imitated his plan. His was the first department store in Elgin, and the first to install the cash railway system by which money is sent from any part of the store to the cashier, who in the same way returns the change. This was put in when his store was on Fountain square and continued some ten years ago when he moved to his present location in the Spurling. And among other things in which Mr. Swan was first was in closing his store nights for the benefit of his clerks-another plan that has been generally adopted by Elgin merchants.

With all these things and many more, and with the faculty of surrounding himself with able lieutenants and efficient clerks, growth and development and success were assured.

Mr. Swan is married and resides at 317 Raymond street. Of six children, three are living. He is a member of Monitor lodge, A. F. and A. M.

PAUL KEMLER, JR.

Paul Kemler, Jr., one of the most popular and active young business men of the city, is a son of Paul Kemler, Sr., the veteran hotel man. He was born in August, 1869, in the hotel of which he is now proprietor, and received his education in the public schools and at Prof. Drew's Business College. He succeeded his father in business and enjoys the friendship of as



PAUL KEMLER, JR.

large a circle of friends as any young business man of Elgin. He is active in all things and is an earnest Republican, being chairman of the Republican Town Committee. Public spirited and having the welfare of the city at heart he always advocates that which is for the greatest good of the largest number and has accomplished much. He represented the second ward in the City Council and was a leading Alderman, filling positions on several of the most important committees. Mr. Kemler is a member of the Elks, Kane Lodge, I. O. O. F., Riverside and Derby Clubs and is Secretary of the Liquor Dealers' Protective Association. He resides at his hotel, The Washington House, 100-106 Division street.

GEORGE SOUSTER.

George Souster, a native of "merrie England," where he was born in 1845, has been a florist of Elgin so long that at the mention of that business one's He is a member of Elgin lodge, 117, A. F. & A. M., the Knights Templar, the Shriners, the Elks, and the Modern Woodmen.



GEORGE SOUSTER

thoughts instinctively turn to his name. Educated in the public schools of his motherland, he came to America when twenty-five years of age, and two years later, in 1872, cast his lot with the Bluff City. In 1883 he embarked in the industry of growing flowers and plants, and from a humble beginning has expanded until his place consists of nine green houses, heated by a hot water system, and a retail store where the choicest specimens of floriculture may always be obtained. His conservatories are located at State and Adams street, and his store at 173 Chicago street. He has devoted his time to attending to his home trade, and his name is a synonym for all that is best in his line.

Mr. Souster resides, with his wife and two daughters, at 576 South State street.

JOHN S. LEE.

John S. Lee, retired farmer and business man, was born in Plato, Kane county, September 8, 1847, and attended the district schools. He afterwards took courses at Kimball Union Academy, New Hampshire; Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin and Ann Arbor University. He graduated from the Ann Arbor College of Law in the class of 1870 and engaged in farming at Plato. Mr. Lee resided on his farms for thirty years and in 1898 removed to Elgin. He is engaged in caring for his farm properties. About twenty-six years ago he married Miss Emma



JOHN S. LEE

Sherwood, of Plato, and they have two sons, John and Charles, who are engaged in the coal business in this city. He resides at 552 Spring street.

CASPAR SCHMIDT.

Caspar Schmidt was a Christmas present to his parents, Dec. 25, 1833, in Dolgesheim, Pheinhessen, Germany, and his career has been all along such as the



CASPAR SCHMIDT

gladsome day is supposed to herald. He has had, in common with humanity, his ups and downs, but through all he has been respected and has been honored with office by the people. In Elgin he served three terms in the City Council as Alderman from the seventh ward, and for five years he was Assistant Supervisor.

The public schools of Germany afforded Mr. Schmidt a good education, and when he was of age he emigrated to America. Locating in Buffalo, he learned the trade of cooper, and two years later came to Elgin. After working as a journeyman for about ten years he engaged in a small way in business for himself in a building on Division street, near Douglas avenue. In 1882 he erected a shop at 69 North State street, which he conducted till 1902, when he retired. In the meantime he organized and became a stock-

holder with his sons and others in the Elgin Co-Operative Butter Tub Company, which ran as such about two years, when it was bought by Mr. Schmidt and his sons, its name being changed to the Elgin Butter Tub Company. Mr. Schmidt is its President.

In 1861 Mr. Schmidt married Miss Elizabeth Baecher of Lake county, Ill. They have six sons and one daughter living. The family home is at 312 Lawrence avenue.

HENRY SCHMIDT.

Henry Schmidt, born in Elgin, Sept. 20, 1865, has carved his career from boyhood to the present time in a way that is highly creditable to his ambitions. He was educated in the public schools and commercial college of Elgin and after working for a few years at the cooper's



HENRY SCHMIDT

trade engaged with his father and brothers in business, the outcome of a comparatively small venture which has become the extensive plant of the Elgin Butter Tub Company, of which he is a Director and

the General Manager. He is also, and has been since 1891, a Director of the Elgin Hydraulic Company, and is a Director of the Elgin National Bank, Secretary and Treasurer of the Pneumatic Separator Company, a member of the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Elgin, and of the Board of Trade. For seven years he has been a member of the Elgin Board of Education, during which time he has served on the most important committees. He is a member of the Masons and Shriners, and lives with his wife and two sons at 208 Washington street.

sided elsewhere. His home is at 312 Lawrence avenue.

Mr. Schmidt was born Nov. 28, 1870, and received his education in the public schools, Elgin Academy and Drew's Business College. He then entered business life with the Elgin Butter Tub Company, which was established in 1886, and has a large manufactory in West Elgin and an extensive warehouse in East Elgin just erected in order to accommodate the company's expanding trade.

Mr. Schmidt is single, a member of the Century and City Clubs, also Masonic and Odd Fellow fraternities.

EDWARD SCHMIDT.

Edward Schmidt is one of the best known young business men of Elgin. He is Secretary of the Elgin Butter Tub Company, which ships its products whereever butter and cheese are manufactured.



EDWARD SCHMIDT

He is a native of Elgin and aside from acting as traveling representative for the

DR. E. A. McCORNACK.

Dr. E. A. McCornack, who has been a resident of Elgin since March, 1890, has an ancestry which he traces to the hills of Wightonshire, Scotland, where for hundreds of years the McCornacks were born and buried. Tradition says that three of that name brought from the Highlands the first potatoes ever grown in that part of the country.

Dr. McCornack's grandfather, Andrew McCornack, came from Scotland in 1838, and with his family settled on government land six miles west of the present site of the city of Elgin. With others he at once organized a Presbyterian church and erected a house of worship. He died in March, 1876, aged 98 years. Alexander McCornack, father of Dr. E. A. McCornack, was married Oct. 29, 1842, to Miss Margaret A. Eakin, a native of Londonderry, Ireland. Her ancestors were members of the colony sent over from Scotland and England by Queen Elizabeth. At the age of twelve she accompanied her. parents, Robert and Jane Bates Eakin, to America.

Dr. McCornack was born Feb. 8, 1854, in Kane county, Ill. He was educated in the country school and Elgin Academy. company for several years, has never re- His medical studies were pursued at Bennett Medical College, from which he graduated in 1881, and the College of Physicians and Surgeons (the medical department of the University of Illinois),



DR. E. A. McCORNACK

where he graduated in 1889, after which he studied for a year at the New York Polyclinic. Excepting the time occupied in post graduate work he has been in active practice for nearly twenty-three years, coming to Elgin from Oak Glen, Cook county, Ill., in March, 1890.

Dr. McCornack married Miss Rhoda E. Harrison of Bethlehem, Conn., March 29, 1883. She died in Elgin May 20, 1896. His children are Wallace H., Alexander E., Margaret H., and Clark Harrison McCornack. Their home is at 164 Division street.

JOSEPH N. FORRDRESCHER.

Joseph N. Forrdrescher has long been recognized as one of the keenest young business men of the city. He was born in Elgin, July 22, 1861, attended the public schools, and in due time secured employ-

ment in the watch factory. Believing that success was more certain in mercantile pursuits he found himself, three years later, a clerk in the clothing store of D. J. Chamberlain & Co. Here his natural aptitude for trade, his rapidly acquired knowledge of human nature, and his determination to succeed were telling factors in his career, and it is no wonder that his employers advanced him until about ten years ago, after a connection with the firm of thirteen years, he was made manager, which position he still holds at the "Big Boston." That he understands his business is apparent to all who enter his store, as everything is first-class and up to the standard in all respects.

Besides being a No. 1 business man Mr. Forrdrescher finds time to indulge a fancy for dogs, and his kennel of the popular Boston terrier has more than once



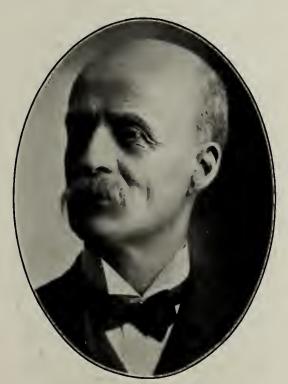
JOSEPH N. FORRDRESCHER

sent to the Chicago bench show representatives that won prizes.

Mr. Forrdrescher has a wife and two daughters, and resides at 810 Prospect street. He is a member of the Elks.

RICHARD PARKIN.

Richard Parkin was born in England and came to America with his parents in 1849. They settled in Plato township and his boyhood and youth were spent there.



RICHARD PARKIN

He attended the district schools of Plato and the schools of Elgin, working on the farm and assisting his parents. In 1862 he left the farm and enlisted in Co. I, 127th Volunteer infantry, serving until the close of the war. Mr. Parkin saw much hard service and was engaged with his regiment in many battles, being repeatedly wounded. He commenced work for the Elgin National Watch Company in 1867 and remained in its employ until 1888, when he resigned to accept the superintendency of the Elgin water works. He had charge of the construction and has since held the important position. 1887 he was elected a member of the City Council from the fifth ward, which office he resigned April 1, 1888. He is married and has three sons and a daughter.

Mr. Parkin is a member of Monitor lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 522; Loyal L.

Munn chapter, No. 96, and Bethel Commandery of Elgin, No. 36. He is also a member of Veteran post, No. 49, G. A. R., and resides at 369 St. Charles street.

MELVIN COPELAND JOCELYN.

Melvin Copeland Jocelyn, the efficient Assistant Cashier of the Elgin National Bank, deserves credit for attaining to the position which he now occupies, as he was left an orphan at the age of three years and has had to fight his battles practically unaided. He was born at South Lansing, Allamakee county, Iowa, April 18, 1861. His father was a lawyer, and died while serving with the 1st Iowa cavalry in the Civil war, at Little Rock, Ark., in 1864. At 14 young Jocelyn had completed the Lansing high school course, and after working a few months in the shingle mills



MELVIN COPELAND JOCELYN

of the Lansing Lumber Company he entered Cornell College at Mt. Vernon, Ia., in 1877. By working during odd hours and vacations he paid his way in college until he reached the junior year, when ill-

ness compelled him to leave school. At 19 he was a section hand on the Union Pacific road in Nebraska, and afterwards was a teacher, farmer, banker and creameryman at York, Sutton, Fairfield and Aurora, that state, until 1892.

Oct. 27, 1891, he married Hattie Marvin Pearsall of Huntley, Ill., and a year later they moved to Rochelle, Ill., where he engaged in the creamery business. This proving unprofitable they came in July, 1893, to Elgin, where he took a position in the bank, as stated. He has been bookkeeper and paying teller, and his promotion to assistant cashier was well earned.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Jocelyn are members of the Congregational church. They have two daughters. Mr. Jocelyn is affiliated with three Masonic bodies of Elgin and with several other lodges and organizations.

LEONARD LASHER.

Leonard Lasher was one of the best known and most popular citizens of Elgin and for many years conducted the best hotel in the city. He was a congenial companion and one of the most entertaining of men. He was born at Red Hook, New York, January 25, 1834, and acquired a good education there. When a young man he removed to New York City and for a number of years was employed at the Leland hotel there. He was a son of the late Stephen Lasher and they came west together, engaging in the hotel business for a short time at Galena. In 1861 they removed to Elgin and resided on the farm now owned by the Hammond Brothers. From there they removed to Elgin, purchasing a home at Douglas avenue and Kimball street, and engaging in the hay pressing business, filling large contracts. Soon after the close of the war they purchased the Waverly house and under the management of Mr. Lasher it became one of the

leading hostelries in this section, famous for its fine meals and the social events that took place there. After the erection of the Nolting house in this city Mr. Lasher became the landlord and proved as popular a host as he had at the Waverly.

Later Mr. Lasher disposed of his hotel business here and became manager of Race Bros.' restaurant in Chicago and



LEONARD LASHER

later was clerk at the Sherman house. In the 80's he returned to Elgin and was landlord of the Kelley hotel at the time of his death which occurred August 9, 1900. He was esteemed by all and his demise was sincerely regretted by all who knew him.

Mr. Lasher left a widow and two sons, Frank, who is engaged in business in this city, and Walter, who is a resident of Chicago.

SMITH YOUNGES.

Smith Younges, whose address is Youngsdale, Ill., of which place he is at present Postmaster, has risen by his own efforts from the position of land renter to owner of one of the large farms in the vicinity of Elgin.



SMITH YOUNGES

Born in Amsterdam, Schoharie county, N. Y., Oct. 17, 1852, he attended the local schools and, on coming west, the public schools of Kane county, Ill. He began at the age of 19, working by the month, and at the end of three years rented 100 acres of his mother's farm, which he cultivated for three years. The next three years he worked the 210 acre farm known as Edson Kimball's, which Mr. Younges now owns. Soon after purchasing this farm he erected a new residence, enlarged the barn, and added to his possessions 60 acres of the James Hipple farm, giving him 215 acres south of the railway, the Illinois Central road having passed through his land. Younges purchased seventeen acres where his residence stands, and also acquired from A. W. Loomis thirty acres adjoining on the north. Since then he has added to his home, built a cattle barn 84x38 feet. a horse barn 30x34 feet, and stock sheds adjoining, 116x24 feet. In 1901 he

bought of the Switzer estate the 145 acre farm adjoining his residence on the east.

It will be seen that Mr. Younges is admirably equipped for the business in which he has long been engaged, that of stock dealer. For twenty-five years he has been buying stock for this market and for thirteen years for the Mexico market.

On Christmas day, 1874, he married Miss Carrie Ferson, daughter of Parker and Amelia Ferson of St. Charles. They have four children. Clyde is associated with Mr. Younges in his business. The others are Nellie S., Maud, and Libbie.

Mr. Younges is a Republican, and has served several terms as school director. He is a member of Elgin lodge, No. 117, A. F. and A. M.

C. L. YOUNG.

C. L. Young, foreman of the press department of the Elgin National Watch Company, like nearly all of the men who



CHARLES L. YOUNG

have made the Elgin time-piece famous, came from the east. He was born at Lowell, Mass., Oct. 6, 1845, and in that

city, which is noted for the extent of its manufacturing, attended the common schools and secured such an education as fitted him for the work in which he was to engage.

His first business connection was as an apprentice to Silver & Gay, machinists, at North Chelmsford, Mass., where he laid the foundation for his career in the watch factory. His subsequent moves were to Worcester, Mass., and from there to Elgin.

Mr. Young is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and the National Union. He has a wife and three children and resides at 103 South Porter street.

D. E. POSTLE.

The subject of this sketch was born February 18, 1863, on a farm near Col-



D. E. POSTLE

umbus, Ohio. His ancestors were of the Welsh and English stock, who came to this country about the time of the American Revolution.

He led the usual life of a country boy, working on a farm during the summer and attending the district school a part of the winter. At the age of twenty, he attended an academy and fitted himself for teaching school. After teaching two years he came to Chicago in 1884, securing a position in an architect's office with the purpose of learning the business.

July 1, 1892, he opened an office of his own in that city for the practice of his chosen profession, in which he has met with a large degree of success; having planned and erected many important buildings in Chicago, Elgin and other places.

October 24, 1893, he married Miss Georgia N. Richardson, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Richardson, since which time he has resided in this city.

Mr. Postle is an active member of the First M. E. church; also a member of the Monitor lodge, No. 522, A. F. and A. M.

W. S. BAYLESS.

W. S. Bayless' name is inseparably associated with the music trade of Elgin. Although he began business in a modest manner about eight years ago, he has, by straightforward, honest methods, demonstrated that what the public demands is a dealer in whom implicit confidence may be reposed, and when once that is established, the rest is easy, Mr. Bayless has reached that point. His reputation is secure, but he is, as are all ambitious men, striving for more business, with such success as to indicate a very prosperous future.

Mr. Bayless began in a little place at 63 Grove avenue. His stock consisted of two organs. In less than one year he needed more room and found it at 21 Spring street, his increased space being utilized by a larger and more varied stock of musical merchandise. On April 1 of last year he found another change neces-

sary, and the move took him to his present commodious quarters at No. 8 Chicago street, in the Y. M. C. A. block. Here he has the largest and most com-



W. S. BAYLESS

plete stock of any dealer in northern Illinois outside of Chicago. Since July last he has been engaged in the sheet music mail order business, supplying dealers and teachers with music at prices that insure their continued patronage. First of January this year he sold out his piano business and now devotes his entire attention to his growing mail trade, which already has reached large proportions.

H. WALTER PIXLEY.

H. Walter Pixley was born in a log cabin on a farm in the town of Lyons, Oakland county, Michigan, and spent his boyhood days in that vicinity, which is noted for the beauty of its lakes, fine fishing and excellent hunting facilities, of which he was very fond, and in which he engaged when not at school or engaged in

work on the farm. He attended school in pursuit of the higher branches at Ypsilanti, Michigan. In 1869 he came to Illinois and learned the watchmaking trade with his brothers, Charles and Ira, at Mendota, Illinois. He came to Elgin in 1872 and entered the employ of the Elgin National Watch Company. He left the employ of the company in 1875 and removed to Amboy, Illinois, where he engaged in the jewelry business until 1880, when he returned to this city and re-entered the employ of the watch company. Being an expert jobber on jeweling work he was soon promoted to the position of job master in the jeweling department, which position he still holds.

Mr. Pixley was married at Mendota, Illinois, May 28, 1872, to Miss Mattie M. Crawford, and to them three children have been born, Harry S., Fred R. and Alice Belle.



H. WALTER PIXLEY

He is a member of the I. O. O. F., Modern Woodmen and Royal Circle and resides at 55 North Liberty street.

F. H. REASON.

F. H. Reason, the well known cigar manufacturer, is a resident of Paducah, Kentucky, where he was born in 1866,



F. H. REASON

and where he spent his childhood days and grew to manhood. He learned the trade of cigarmaking there and was five years in his native town engaged in that line of business. He came to Elgin in 1897, and in 1902 formed a partnership with John Zengerle for the manufacture of fine cigars. The firm has been unsuually prosperous and is now employing nine first-class tradesmen and manufacturing over four hundred thousand cigars annually. Among the best brands are the "R & Z" and the "I-AM-A." Their R & Z brand is an exceptionally fine ten cent cigar and is one of the most popular cigars on the market.

Mr. Reason is married and has two children. He is a member of the Elks. The family home is at 573 Walnut avenue.

JOHN ZENGERLE.

John Zengerle was born in Germany, October 5, 1870, and after completing the course of the public schools of his native city, became apprenticed to a cigar manufacturer, learning the trade. He had six years' experience there and came to America in 1895. He located at Chicago where he remained four years, being engaged in the same line of work. In 1900 he came to Elgin and two years later formed a partnership with F. H. Reason, that still continues. They have a large business and manufacture a fine line of cigars that meet with ready sale.

The leading brands are the "R & Z" and "I-AM-A" both of which are ready sellers, the former being the delight of all smokers who have sampled them. The factory is located at 3 Chicago street where four hundred thousand cigars are manufactured annually.



JOHN ZENGERLE

Mr. Zengerle is unmarried. He is a member of the Elks, National Union and Columbian Knights.

WILLIAM SEYBOLD.

William Seybold of 216 Morgan street, Elgin, is Vice President of the Seybold Reed-Pipe Organ Company, which has recently erected in this city a factory for



WILLIAM SEYBOLD

the manufacture of its celebrated organs. He was born in Chicago Aug. 28, 1858, attended the public schools there, and at the age of 14 years became an employe of the Packard Organ and Piano Company of Fort Wayne, Ind., to which place he removed with his parents. From his early boyhood he was a great lover of organ music, and to this fact, probably, is due his connection with organ building, which has been his life work.

Mr. Seybold's latest move was the organization of the Elgin company, above mentioned, which bears his name, and whose product has already, through his prominence in this line, gained an enviable reputation not only in this but in other countries.

WILLIAM F. BULTMANN.

William F. Bultmann, superintendent of the Seybold Reed-Pipe Organ Com-

pany, was reared in an atmosphere of music and inherited tastes for a vocation in which he has been very successful. He was born at Winzlar, Hanover, Germany, Dec. 5, 1862, the eldest son of Anton and Dorothea (Wilhelmsen) Bultmann. He attended the public schools at Winzlar. His father was a fancy wood turner, afterward becoming interested in music and learning to play the organ, and also embarking in the manufacture of organs and accordions. He remained in this business till the time of his death, a little over a year ago.

The son naturally was familiar with the construction of musical instruments from his boyhood. When he was 20 years of age his father sent him to an organ manufacturer in Hanover to learn all the details of the trade. He had already devoted several years to the study of music, becoming quite a proficient performer on the piano and organ.



WILLIAM F. BULTMANN

In the fall of 1887 Mr. Bultmann arrived in America, coming direct to Elgin. For the past nine years he has had charge of the music department of Ackemann

Bros.' store, but attained the realization of his ambition when, on the location of the Seybold Reed-Pipe Organ Company in Elgin, he became a director and superintendent in charge of the factory.

May 24, 1887, Mr. Bultmann married Miss Lena Ackemann, a sister of the Ackemann Brothers. They reside in their own home at 109 Hill avenue. They have no children. Both have thrice visited their fatherland since coming here in 1887, the last time being in the spring of 1903. On their return they were accompanied by Mr. Bultmann's mother, who resides with them.

Mr. Bultmann is a Republican in politics. He is a member of the Maccabees.

CHARLES VEEDER.

Charles Veeder was born in Sweden in 1858 and came to America in 1879, locating in Elgin. He learned the trade of plasterer in Sweden and was employed at



CHARLES VEEDER

his trade here eight years, working for Henry Magnus. In 1887 he engaged in business for himself and has been very successful. Among the fine buildings that he has been interested in the erection of, are the Female Annex of the Insane Asylum, Gail Borden Public Library, George M. Peck's residence and department store, S. W. Chapman's residence, the Sherwin Building, Everett Flats and the Masonic Temple.

Mr. Veeder resides at 526 Enterprise street.

E. D. HOWELL.

E. D. Howell has been engaged in the railroad business since 1895, when he was



E. D. HOWELL

freight delivery clerk at the Grand Ave. Station, Chicago. So well did he perform his duties that two years later he was made general foreman, and on the 12th of June, 1902, he was assigned to Elgin by the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company, and placed in charge of its local interests.

He was born June 28, 1859, on a farm in Oakland county, Mich., attending the district school of the county and the grammar and High Schools of Flint, Mich. His family consists of wife, son and daughter.

His society affiliations are with Ravenswood lodge, No. 777, A. F. and A. M., of which he is past master, Crescent Council, No. 12, Royal League, and Fox River Council, No. 1477, Royal Arcanum.

ANDREW MAGNUS.

Andrew Magnus is one of the best known citizens of the Bluff City. He was born in Sweden, November 26, 1840, and attended the common schools there. In 1852 he came with the family to America and they located in Elgin. Here Mr. Magnus attended the public schools and was a student at the Academy two terms. He had previously attended the select school of Miss Lucy Lovell. He then learned the brick and stone mason's trade and soon became one of the leading contractors. Among the prominent buildings erected by him are the Hotel Fosgate, Home Bank Building, the First Congregational Church and five of the modern school houses. He is now President and Manager of the Elgin Ice Company and Manager of the South Elgin Stone Company, and he has the largest ice business in the city as well as supplying all the crushed and rubble-stone in this section, furnishing Elgin and surrounding cities. He is married and has a fine house at 18 North Chapel street.

ARTHUR Y. REED.

Arthur Y. Reed, hardware man, manufacturer, ice dealer and scientific farmer, was born December 8, 1855, at Hay, Galmerganshire county, England, and came to America when eight years of age. He lived at Dundee and attended the district schools, afterwards becoming a clerk in mercantile business. In 1880 he came to Elgin and engaged in the hardware business, being first a member of the firm of Metcalf & Reed. After the death of his

partner Mr. Reed associated himself with Charles G. Heine and they continued the business as Reed & Heine, being quite successful and enjoying an unusually large patronage. In addition to this line Mr. Reed is engaged in the wholesale ice business and has extensive houses on Fox river. Each year he employs a large force of workmen and ships the product to the Chicago market. He takes great interest in farming and has two of the finest farms



ARTHUR Y. REED

in the dairy belt. They are known as the Riverside and Elm Lawn farms, of 550 acres, and on these he keeps two hundred of the choicest Holstein cows, the product being purchased by the Borden Condensing Company. Mr. Reed was married August 12, 1880, to Miss Mary O. Shepherd. They have a daughter, Grace. The family home is at 358 Center street.

CHAS. G. HEINE.

Charles G. Heine was born in Hanover, Cook county, Sept. 15, 1866, his parents having emigrated from Germany several years before. He attended the public schools and came to Elgin in 1883, accepting a clerical position with the firm of Metcalf & Reed. Realizing his need of a more thorough business education he at-



CHARLES G. HEINE

tended the evening classes of Drew's Business College, from which institution he graduated. In 1890 he was admitted in partnership, the firm being changed to Reed & Heine. Mr. Heine has devoted much attention to heating apparatus and appliances and heat radiation, and has become expert in that line. He is considered an authority on that subject. has devoted much time to travel and study and has visited all the places of interest in America and Europe. Mr. Heine is one of the most popular young business men in Elgin. He is the founder of the Elgin Seed Company and is very much interested in other business enterprises. He is a member of the Woodmen. Althea lodge, I. O. O. F. and Elgin A. F. & A. M. Mr. Heine is married and has recently completed and is now occupying a handsome residence at 12 Hill avenue.

HENRY STURM.

Henry Sturm was born in Elgin, June 14, 1870, and until he was fourteen years old attended the public schools. Being thrown on his own resources by the death of his mother, and the necessity for providing for a younger brother, he entered the employ of the late D. J. Lynch, where he remained from 1884 until 1897, when he resigned his position to embark in the grocery business for himself at his present location at 301 Chicago street. In 1895 he was married to Miss Bertha Stolt and they have one son.

Mr. Sturm has always been a firm believer in merchants' associations and it was largely due to his efforts that the Elgin Grocers' Association was formed four years ago, and he was its President for three years, and has been a Director of the



HENRY STURM

Elgin Retail Merchants' and Business Men's Association since it was organized. He is now chairman of the organization committee of the Illinois Retail Merchants' Association, and devotes much time and thought to association work.

Mr. Sturm is essentially a self-made man, having by his untiring energy and perseverance built up the splendid business which bears his name, and the fact that each year shows a substantial increase in his trade indicates that the public approve of his straightforward business methods.

Mr. Sturm is affilliated with but one order, the Catholic Order of Foresters.

JAMES W. YOUNGER.

James W. Younger, Chief of Police of the City of Elgin, is the descendant of one of the best families of Kentucky, where women are noted for beauty and men for gallantry and bravery. His parents, Mr.



JAMES W. YOUNGER

and Mrs. Charles Younger, removed from Kentucky to Vego county, Indiana, and near Clinton and adjoining the home of Governor Matthews, the subject of this sketch was born January 14, 1859. Before he had attained the age of a year the family had removed to Illinois, residing near Newman, Tuscola and Paris. It was near the latter city that Chief Younger

grew to manhood, being engaged on his father's large farm and attending the district school in winter. He was ambitious and industrious and found employment with the large grain firm of T. F. Van Horn, where he remained six years. Mr. Younger believes in doing well what he undertakes, and in whatever avocation his lot is cast he has demonstrated his ability and energy and enjoyed the confidence of those connected with him. He soon became a valued employe in the grain business and by close application to business and study he educated himself in the business and was confidential man for the firm and head accountant. In 1887 he came to Elgin, finding employment at the Insane Asylum as an attendant. Within a short time he was appointed night supervisor and was soon made head supervisor in charge of all of the male patients in the institution.

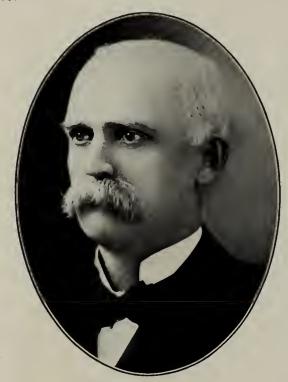
January 2, 1889, he accepted a position in the screw department of the watch factory, where he remained until the reduction of the force in 1893.

Mayor Charles H. Wayne appointed Mr. Younger to the police force, where he was a patrolman two years. On the incoming of the next administration he was made night sergeant, which position he held four years. Two years as Lieutenant followed, and August 15, 1903, he was appointed Chief of Police, under the civil service law. Mr. Younger was very active as an officer from the first and has a brilliant record as a thief taker. Under his management the police department has become most efficient and harmonious. He is courteous and kind to all but is feared by the lawless element.

He is a member of the Elks, Woodmen and Archaean Union.

WILLIAM T. WAIT.

William T. Wait has been engaged in the furniture and undertaking business for a longer period than any other man in Elgin. For over a quarter of a century he has directed funerals, his business in this line having reached very large proportions, due to the thoroughness and care with which every detail has been attended to.



WILLIAM T. WAIT

Mr. Wait was born at St. Charles, Kane county, Ill., in 1849, but came to Elgin at an early age, and finding it a good city in which to grow up has lived here ever The public schools and academy furnished his education, and, well equipped for a mercantile career, he began as a clerk in the furniture store of S. D. Wilder, afterward Cornell & Wilder, the firm later becoming Wait & Co. In 1877 he formed a partnership with W. R. Burdick, and until 1901 the firm did business under the name of Wait & Burdick. That year William Ross, long employed by Wait & Burdick, purchased an interest and the name was changed to Wait & Ross, furniture dealers and undertakers, at 164 Chicago street.

Mr. Wait is married and has three children, the home being at 121 Tennyson court. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Century Club, the Elks, the Royal Arcanum, and Knights of Pythias.

WILLIAM ROSS.

William Ross is the junior partner of the furniture and undertaking firm of Wait & Ross. He was born October 2, 1865, in Dambeck, Germany, and attended St. John's Lutheran and the public schools. He was only ten years of age when his parents emigrated to America, coming direct to Chicago. Two weeks in that city sufficed, and then they made their home in Elgin. At fifteen the subject of this sketch entered the employ of Wait & Burdick, with whom he remained twentyone years. Two years ago he purchased W. R. Burdick's interest in the firm,



WILLIAM ROSS

which is located at 164 Chicago street. Mr. Ross is married and has two children. His home is at 52 Cherry street. He belongs to no orders or lodges.

ALBERT F. ANSEL.

Albert F. Ansel was born in Chicago in 1862 and attended the public schools in that city until 1874 when he removed to Aurora where he learned his trade and

laid well the foundation for his future business success. In 1887 he went west and remained until 1891, when he came to Elgin and opened a retail market on



ALBERT F. ANSEL

Chicago street. From boyhood it was Mr. Ansel's cherished ambition to some day become the proprietor of a first-class market, one that should always be kept clean and inviting, where none but the choicest table supplies should be offered for sale, where uniform courtesy and perfect service could always be depended upon, and where a child could buy as well as an adult. How well Mr. Ansel has succeeded in making realities out of the dreams of his younger days is best shown by the immense and constantly increasing business of the "Star" market, five delivery wagons now being required to serve customers.

Though a very busy man, Mr. Ansel has taken time to serve one term as Alderman from the third ward, and was also President of the Larkin Children's Home Association. With his wife and three children he resides at 175 Chicago street.

CARL G. BUEHLER.

Carl G. Buehler was born May 23, 1875, in Germany, and attended the public schools there and also took a course at the high school. In 1889 he came to America and resided at Aurora four years. Afterwards he went to Kansas City where he was engaged at one of the large packing houses for a year. Having thoroughly mastered all of the details he came to Elgin and entered the employ of A. F. Ansel in 1894. After six years of faithful attention to his duties Mr. Buehler was admitted to partnership in 1900 and the firm has been unusually successful. He is an



CARL G. BUEHLER

affable young man and enjoys the confidence of a large number of people. Mr. Buehler is married and has two children. He resides at 208 Perry street.

DR. CHARLES H. MURRAY.

Dr. Charles H. Murray is a new comer in Elgin, but already he has made many acquaintances and established considerable of a practice in his profession, that of osteopathy. He is comparatively a young man, having been born Feb. 13, 1863, at Niles, Mich., where he attended the public schools. He accompanied his



DR. CHARLES H. MURRAY

parents on their removal to Missouri, and deciding to prepare himself for the ministry, entered William Jewell College, from which he graduated. He founded in Kansas City what is now the second largest Baptist church in Missouri. Later he spent four years at the University of Chicago, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. Afterwards he became the pastor of Immanuel Baptist church of St. Louis, Mo., which for several years has made the largest per capita contributions of any church in the state.

In the meantime, some remarkable cures effected through osteopathic treatment having come to his notice, he decided to take up the study of osteopathy. He entered the American School of Osteopathy at Kirksville, Mo., under Dr. Still, completing the course with honor. Although he occasionally preaches he has, since graduating at Kirksville, devoted his time to the practice of his profession,

locating first at Bushnell, Ill., where he was very successful.

Dr. Murray is married and has a daughter aged 3 years. He is a member of the Masonic order and resides at 120 Hill avenue. His office is in suite 32, the Spurling.

LOUIS BLUM.

Among the business men of Elgin born in a foreign land, few have made a greater success of their chosen calling than has Louis Blum. Wherever there are parties, in whatever gathering confections and ice cream are enjoyed, there is his name known, for it is in this line that he has built up a very large trade.

Louis Blum's native town is Neun Kirchen, Baden, Germany, where he was born in 1872. In 1888 he came to America, locating in Elgin. Having enjoyed excellent educational advantages at the public



LOUIS BLUM

schools of Germany, he was prepared to learn a business, and he began as a clerk for Schramm Bros., in their candy store. In 1896, in company with H. P. Rorig,

he embarked for himself, the firm being known as Blum & Rorig. This continued until 1900, when he purchased Schramm Bros.' business at 15 Douglas avenue, and has been there ever since.

He is a 32d degree Mason and also a member of the following orders: Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen, Royal Arcanum, Royal League, Knights of the Maccabees, Independent Order of Foresters and Archaean Union.

His family consists of a wife and two children, their home being at 194 Grove avenue.

DAVID WALLACE WILLSON.

David Wallace Willson is a native of New Jersey. His family were among the early settlers. The house in which he was born being built before the Revolu-



DAVID WALLACE WILLSON

tion, upon land granted to his paternal ancestor, Sir Andrew Willson, for bravery during the French and Indian war. Attending the schools of the vicinity, he was prepared for college under the direction of Wm. Rankin, a noted instructor of that time, in northern New Jersey. He matri-

culated at the Troy University; but later left and received his diploma from the New York University in 1862.

During college life, with a strong inclination toward journalism, he acted as editor of one of the college papers. After graduating he engaged in daily journalism, and later was editor of the "American Agricultural Review." His work on this magazine brought him into contact with the advanced ideas in agriculture. The centrifugal separator had just been invented, and in connection with Mr. J. H. Reall, they imported the DeLaval centrifugal separator and organized a company for its manufacture.

Mr. Willson came to Elgin in 1883, and has since been connected with the dairy interests, devoting his whole time to that industry. He organized, and was for years Secretary of the National Dairy Union.

Mr. Willson was engaged by Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, as a dairy expert, and traveled extensively, both in this country and Canada, representing the Department.

During one of the sessions of the National Dairy Union, at Washington, with the assistance of Colonel Hatch, Chairman of the Agricultural Appropriation Committee of the House, he secured an appropriation for the Dairy division, which has since been under the charge of Major Henry E. Alvord, and has done much to advance the dairy industry of the whole country.

In 1891 Mr. Willson established the Elgin Dairy Report, which at once became the standard dairy market authority for the country. Mr. W. C. Willson, his son, has been connected with the paper since 1893, having special charge of the printing department, now one of the largest establishments of that kind in Kane county. In 1902 the paper and the printing business were incorporated as The Elgin Dairy Report.

Mr. Willson is a member of several fraternal organizations, having taken a leading part in the Royal Arcanum for years. He has adhered to the faith of his fathers, and advocated the Democratic doctrines, during the campaigns of 1884 to 1900. He has been a member of the Elgin Board of Trade since coming to Elgin, and has done very much, through The Elgin Dairy Report, to build up and maintain the reputation of the Elgin Board of Trade, as the price making factor for the best creamery butter.

R. MENDELSON.

R. Mendelson, one of the well known and popular clothing merchants and furnishers of the city, was born in Germany in 1849, and came to America in 1863. He came to Elgin from Meadville, Pennsylvania, in 1877, where he had been engaged in the clothing business seven years. Mr. Mendelson has been very



R. MENDELSON

successful in business in Elgin and during his long career here has fully established himself in the confidence of the people. He carries a fine line of goods and is known for his uprightness and fair dealing in all transactions. He is one of the leading and highly respected citizens. Mr. Mendelson is married and has three daughters. His place of business is at 17 Douglas avenue.

H. A. RICE.

H. A. Rice has been a resident of Elgin since 1892, when he removed to this city



H. A. RICE

from Chicago to continue in the employ of the Cutter & Crossette Company. He was born in Chicago May 11, 1865, and after securing an excellent education in the public schools of the western metropolis he supplemented his search for knowledge by special work at the University of Michigan. His connection with the firm of Cutter & Crossette, manufacturers of shirts, covers a period of eighteen years, during which time his application and fidelity to his duties were substantially rewarded. From a beginning as office boy he became manager of the extensive business of the firm, and in that capacity demonstrated marked ability. At the present time he is assistant manager of the Star Manufacturing Company of Carpentersville, Ill., of which he is also a director. Although busy in a business way his public spiritedness has manifested inself in an active manner, and as a director of the Gail Borden Public Library and the Elgin Young Men's Christian Association his counsel and aid are recognized as of great value. Mr. Rice is also a member of the Phi Kappa Psi College fraternity and the Royal Arcanum.

On the 23d of April, 1896, he was married to Miss C. Mae Sawyer, of Elgin, and to them were born a daughter and son. The family home is at 814 Spring street.

. DR. C. H. BARBER.

Dr. C. H. Barber of Elgin is an eye specialist, who has made marked and gratifying progress in his profession and has built up a very desirable practice in this community. He was born



DR. C. H. BARBER

July 2, 1873, at Antioch, Illinois, attending the Antioch high school, Rockefeller Business College, and in 1897, graduated

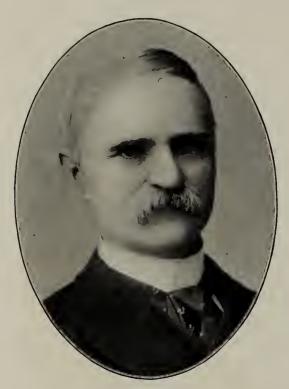
from the Northern Illinois College of Ophthalmology. He commenced his business career as a jeweler at Antioch, and in May of this year removed to Elgin, where he established offices as an eye specialist. His skill and ability met with speedy public recognition. Dr. Barber received his first degree from the Northern Illinois College in 1897, and his fourth degree in February, 1903. He was married May 13, 1903, to Miss Gertrude Blanchard of Kilbourne, Wisconsin. Dr. Barber is a member of the Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges and is a pleasant, genial gentleman, who has made many friends during his short residence here.

A. H. LOWRIE.

A. H. Lowrie, senior proprietor of The Elgin Daily News, occupies a position of influence in the political, social and business life of Elgin. He has been teacher, preacher and editor in his successful career. With a national reputation as an orator, Mr. Lowrie has been engaged in active campaign work during every presidential election since the birth of the Republican party. During the last two campaigns, he was sent into doubtful states by the national committee and his valuable assistance was highly commended by national and state organizations.

Mr. Lowrie was born in Berwickshire, Scotland, October 29, 1836, of military stock and was brought to this country at an early age by his parents, who located at Cleveland, Ohio, where the boy received his early education. He was graduated from the high school and matriculated in the University of Michigan. In his senior year, he left the state institution and received his diploma from Adrian, Mich., College. He was offered a tutorship in the college and remained there for a short time. Mr. Lowrie was principal of a school in Cleveland, Ohio, for two years and resigned this position to take the superintendency of the schools at

Bellefontaine, Ohio. After three years in that city, he accepted a similar place in Marion and resigned to become professor of English literature and political econ-



A. H. LOWRIE

omy in Adrian College. For fifteen years Professor Lowrie was a member of the faculty and for two years was acting President. He was regarded as one of the foremost educators in the state and many of his students now occupy prominent places in the business and political affairs of the country. Mr. Lowrie was senior proprietor of the Adrian "Times and Expositor," which began a successful career under his direction. In 1882, he came to Elgin and purchased the Daily and Weekly Advocate, and a year later bought the Daily News, consolidating the two properties. In 1886, the firm of Lowrie & Black was established and The News has taken a foremost place among the enterprising journals of northern Illinois. Mr. Lowrie is one of the founders and an honorary member of the Inland Daily Press Association. He was appointed by President Harrison as United

States consul to Freiburg, Germany, where he ably represented the interests of this country. During his residence in that city, Mr. and Mrs. Lowrie visited all the interesting places in Europe.

Mr. Lowrie was married September 11, 1859, to Miss Mattie B., daughter of Henry and Oraline (Waldo) Pease. They have two children living, Will L. and Alfred R. Mr. and Mrs. Lowrie are members of the First Congregational church.

WILLIS LYMAN BLACK.

Willis Lyman Black is one of the successful and prosperous business men of Elgin. He is junior member of the firm of Lowrie & Black, publishers of the Daily News, and is one of the largest stockholders in the First National and Elgin City Banks. Born in this city, where the First Baptist church now stands, April



WILLIS LYMAN BLACK

18, 1855, he is the son of Lyman and Harriet (Weston) Black. Mr. Black received his early education in the Elgin

public schools and Elgin Academy. In 1874 he entered the University of Chicago, from which he received his diploma with the class of 1878. Within a few years after his graduation he entered the office of the Elgin Advocate, and in 1886 purchased a half interest in that newspaper and also the Daily News, the two papers having been consolidated. The newspaper plant has grown rapidly until it now occupies one of the finest buildings in the city, is equipped with three linotypes and the latest model duplex press and ranks among the best in the state.

Sept. 4, 1884, Mr. Black was united in marriage with Miss Etta D. Roe of Chicago. They have two children, Lyman Foster and Mareta Vergine. The family occupies a fine new home at No. 770 Highland avenue and spend their summers largely in their cottage in Elgin camp, Lake Geneva. Mr. and Mrs. Black have traveled extensively throughout this country and in Europe.

Mr. Black is a Republican in politics, is Vice President and Director of the Elgin City Savings and First National banks and is a member of the Country and Century Clubs.

WILL L. LOWRIE.

Will L. Lowrie was born in Adrian, Michigan, March 8, 1869, and was gradnated from the college in his native city in 1889. He took post-graduate work in the University of Michigan and the University of Leipsic, Germany, spending a year in the latter institution. Mr. Lowrie represented his father in the business of the Daily News during his absence in Europe as consul at Freiburg. Upon the return of the latter, the son spent several months in southern Europe, most of the time awheel. He was a committee clerk in the Illinois State Legislature for one session and then became a member of the staff of the Chicago Tribune. Mr. Lowrie

was in charge of the real estate and insurance departments of the paper for three years, giving up the place to accompany Col. Charles Page Bryan to Brazil as Secretary to the United States envoy. A year later, he was advanced to the office of Vice Consul General and remained at Rio de Janeiro for two years in this capacity. For twelve months of the time,



WILL L. LOWRIE

he was Acting Consul General. Mr. Lowrie has been a contributor to many of the leading newspapers and magazines of the country for the last ten years. He is at present city editor of the Daily News.

D. A. McKENZIE.

D. A. McKenzie is a product of the Hawkeye state, as he was born at Dubuque, Iowa, Dec. 18, 1871. After attending the public schools of that city he found employment in the circulation and advertising departments of the Dubuque Tele-

graph, being with that paper from September, 1886, till March, 1891. He was at Akron, Ohio, as Secretary of the Journal Publishing Company, afterwards the



D. A. McKENZIE

Beacon-Journal Publishing Company, from September, 1896, to March, 1898. For five years prior to 1896 he was associated with W. T. Clark, the firm name being McKenzie & Clark. As traveling newspaper representatives of the Standard Fashion Company of New York City they covered thirty states, making for themselves a reputation as enterprising Since September 19, newspaper men. 1898, Mr. McKenzie has had charge of the circulation of the Elgin Daily News and Weekly Advocate, and has also devoted his energies to the advertising department of these papers. He is recognized as one of the experts in this line and to him is due not a little of the prestige enjoyed by the News and Advocate as mediums for advertising.

Mr. McKenzie has a wife and one child, Clark E., and resides at 24 Hill avenue.

WILLIAM T. CLARK.

William T. Clark, born Dec. 13,1866, at Dubuque, Iowa, followed civil engineering for four years after completing his education at the public schools and Bayless' Business College of Dubuque. Since then he has been a newspaper man. From September, 1896, to March, 1898, he was Vice President and Business Manager of the Akron, Ohio, Journal, which afterward became the Beacon-Journal. For more than ten years he has been associated in newspaper work with D. A. Mc-Kenzie, the firm being known as McKenzie & Clark, and as such traveling over the greater portion of the United States as special newspaper representatives of the Standard Fashion Company of New York City. Mr. Clark has been connected with the advertising department of the Elgin Daily News and Weekly Advocate since September, 1898. In this capacity he has



WILLIAM T. CLARK

been very successful, his careful and intelligent handling of all business entrusted to him being a valuable asset of his publications.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark are at home at 22 Hill avenue.

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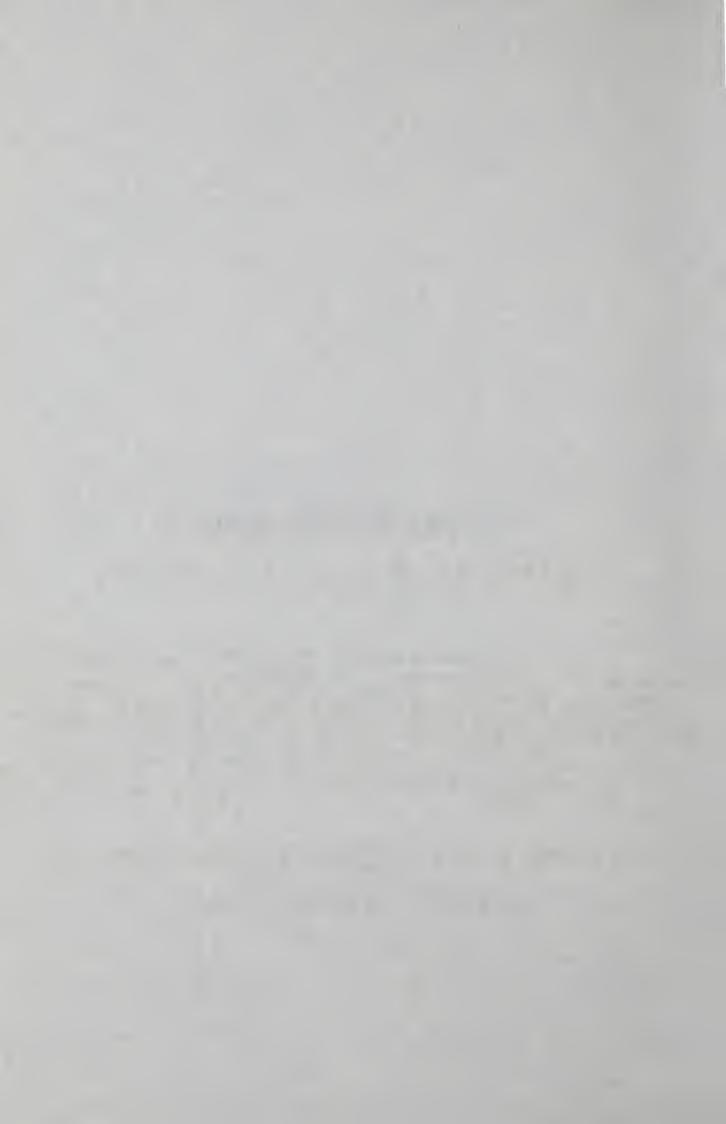


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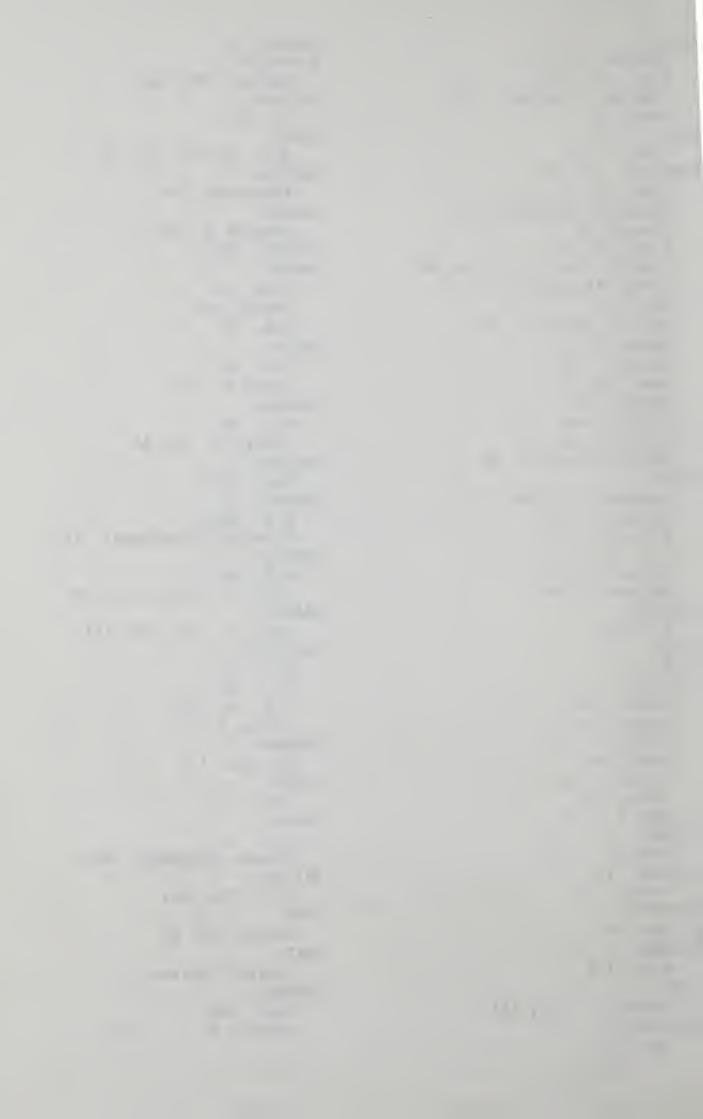
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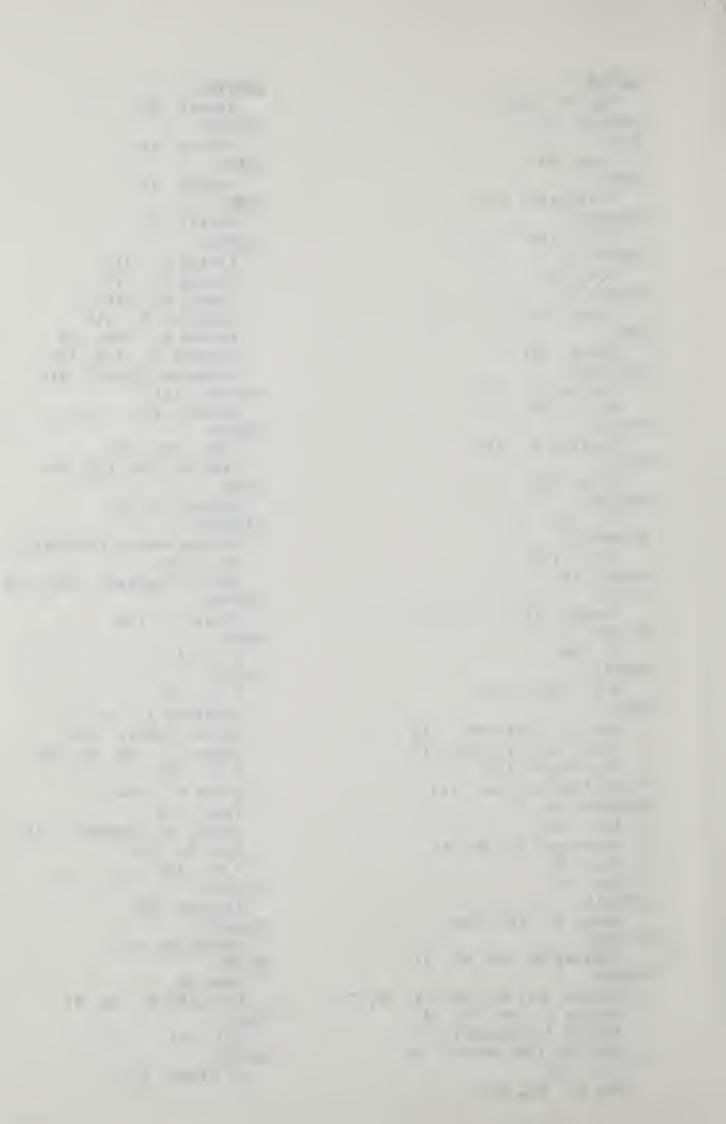
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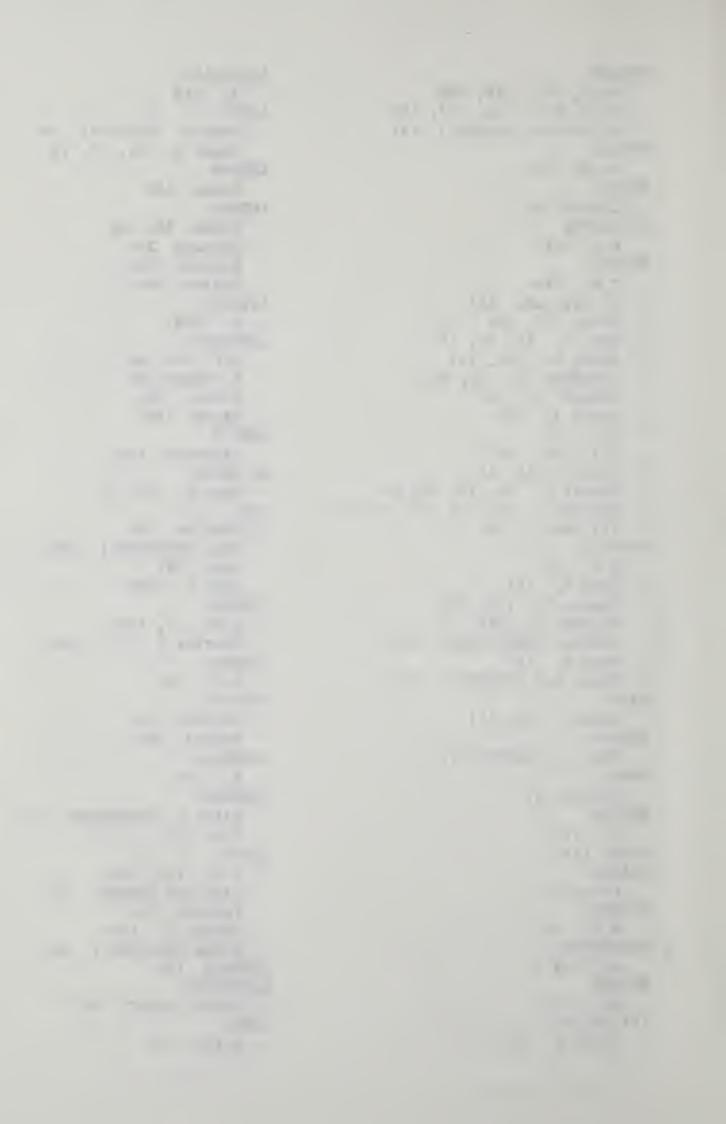
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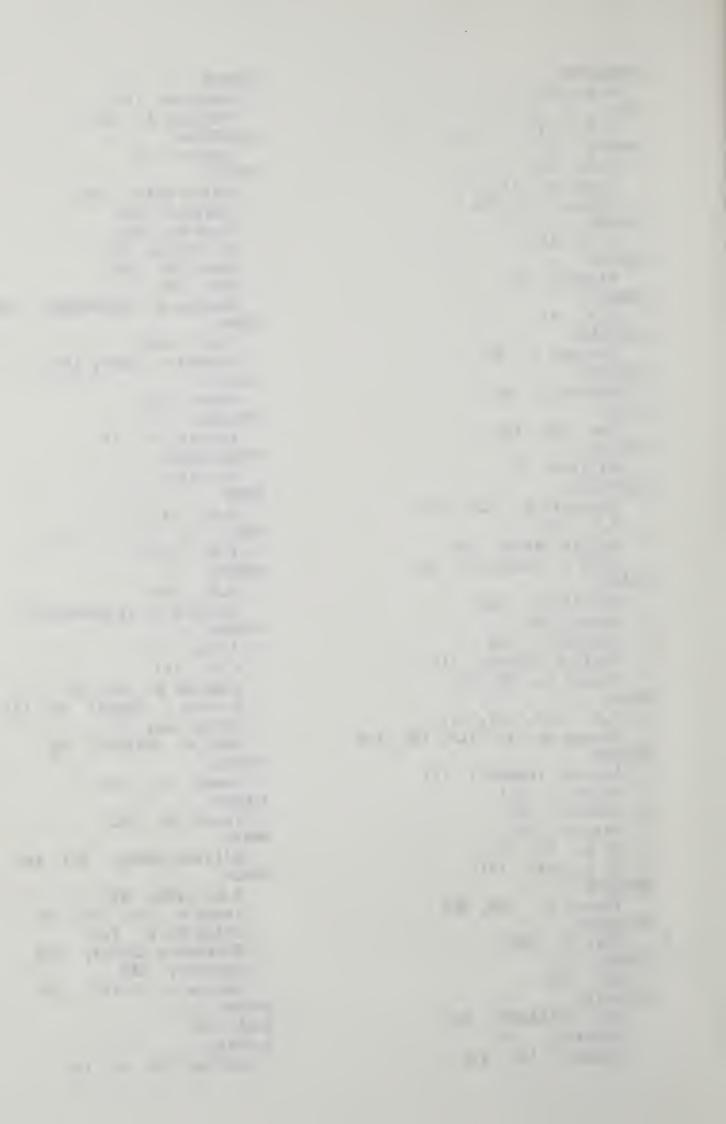
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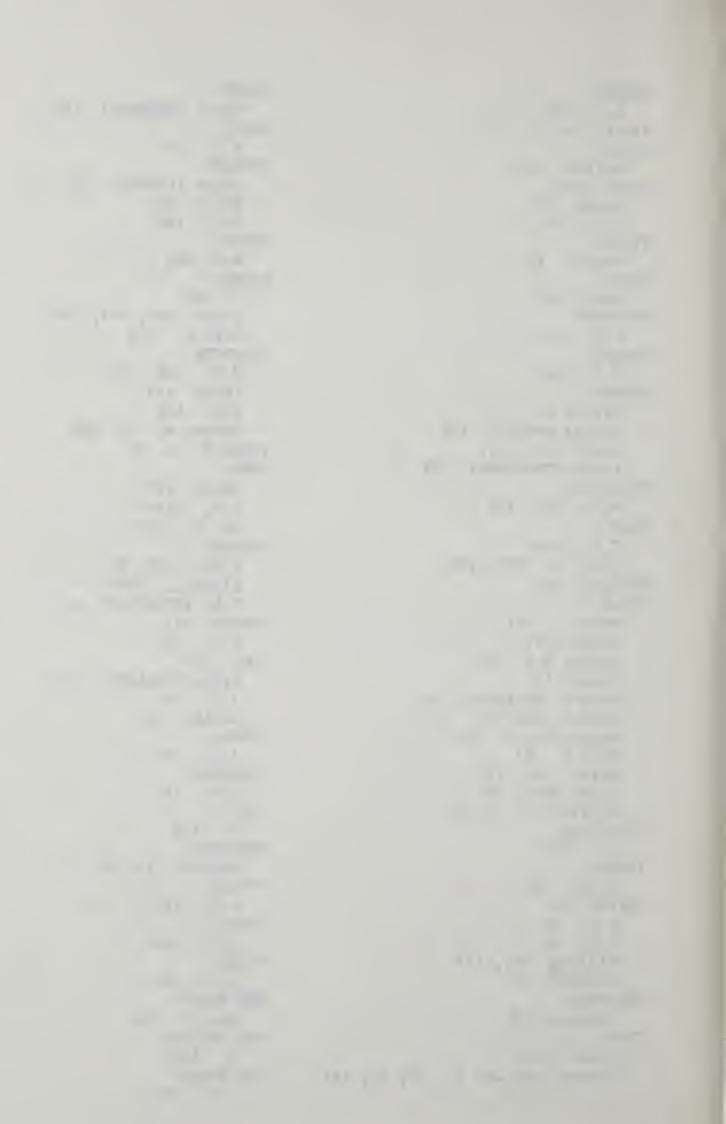


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